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**Comment
Of The
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**COUNT
DRACULA**

ACCORDING to our film critic, the American film industry has handed the accolade for horror films over to Britain. While this dubious award is unlikely to send anyone into paroxysms of joy, we suppose there are some who will feel not honoured, but delighted with recommendation of Horror Supreme.

Hammer Film Production, makers of such films as "The Man Who Could Cheat Death," and "The Horrors of Dracula," now, more or less, hold the horror market in fee.

We understand also that some of the British film critics have apologised in their columns for the frightening stuff they are exporting to the United States.

Personally, we feel this is taking things too far. To hear people behaving in that fashion seems to us to be merely striking a pose. As a matter of fact, the horror market has always been a good market, and profitable to those who have worked it.

Not New

SPINE-CHILLERS are not ideas of this generation, but were published long before most people reading this were on earth.

The penny dreadfuls of the 1880s and '90s were full of vampires, werewolves, and unquiet graves, and it is only because we of our generation have the technical know-how of bringing them to life on the screen, that these relics of the Victorian age leave their graves to haunt us.

The purist will ask, but has the entertainment world the right to trade in vampires and ghouls?

The answer is, if the public did not want them, they would not be falling over themselves at the box-office to pay out good dollars to have their blood frozen.

We are told that it has a baneful effect upon those of an imaginative and sensitive nature. We would ask, how many will be reading or listening to "Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol," this holiday?

Weird Shadows

PERHAPS not around a glowing fire with weird shadows threatening from every corner, but in more exotic surroundings, where snow, ice and fog threaten not. But the tale still holds some of its ancient terror, and one is glad of an electric switch rather than a flickering candle.

We can but imagine that in the prosaic routine of everyday life, the uncanny holds its place.

The business of legerdemains and accounts fades away, as one takes a return ticket to some strange Central European country where all sorts of things go boom in the night.

The attraction of the screen and its vampires must be that the impossible happens, and humans are all frightened by proxy.

What is more, the public is used to it. We should imagine that if in parking a car at about three o'clock in the morning, and a tall, red-eyed, thin man approached us, we should say no more than, "Count Dracula, we presume, of the Hammer Film Company."

**FOUR-HOUR BLAZE IN
CANADIAN SUBURB**

**Business
Section
Gutted**

Ontario, Dec. 17. Firemen battled a general alarm fire in the town of Kitchener for four hours last night which gutted three large stores and threatened to destroy an entire business district.

A police spokesman termed the location "a disaster area."

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries but two firemen were overcome by smoke and were rushed for medical treatment.

Spreads

The blaze broke out in the basement of a grocery on King Street east late Wednesday. It quickly spread to two floors of offices. Later the fire spread to the other end of the block.

More than 100 people, mostly shoppers, were evacuated by police.

At the height of the fire an explosion rocked the entire area driving about 100 firemen from the immediate vicinity of the blaze.

The explosion was believed to have originated in the paint storage area of the gutted supermarket. The blast shot flames across the street and firemen were forced to pull back with their equipment.—UPI.

**MPs Seek
Release Of
Anti-Nuclear
Campaigners**

London, Dec. 16. Several Members of Parliament today tried unsuccessfully to prevent the Christmas adjournment of the House of Commons until six anti-nuclear war campaigners, three of them women, gaoled yesterday, were freed.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Labour) opposing a formal motion to fix the Christmas recess from tomorrow until January 20, said Members of Parliament should not enjoy a Christmas holiday when six decent, honest people were going to languish in gaol.

They were doing so, he said, "for no other reason than that they decided to send out leaflets suggesting that people should take part in a demonstration."

He was referring to leaders of the direct action committee against nuclear war who were gaoled for two months after refusing to give a magistrate an undertaking to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for a year.

Another Labour member, Mr Sydney Silverman, urged the Home Secretary, Mr R. A. Butler, to advise the Queen to exercise her prerogative of mercy to set them free for Christmas.

Mr Butler said there was a right of appeal to a higher court.

He undertook to study the issue, reserving any rights which might lie within his power to deal with it.—Reuter.

**U.S. Refuses
PI Claim**

Washington, Dec. 16. The State Department stood firm today in refusing to reopen the question of around \$800 million in Philippine claims rejected by the U.S. Government last August.

The Philippine Foreign Secretary, Mr Feliberto Serrano has formally asked yesterday that the question be reconsidered.—AP.

**NATO CHIEF WANTS
UNIFIED AIR FORCE**

Paris, Dec. 16.

General Lauris Norstad, Nato Supreme Commander, warned the 15-nation pact's Ministerial Council today that he could not carry out his defence plans unless European air defence was unified, conference sources said.

**Goldston Granted
Israeli Papers**

Israel, Dec. 15.

The Israeli Minister of the Interior announced here yesterday that he had instructed that an immigrant's certificate be granted to Philip Alan Goldston, who flew to Israel last September after failing to surrender to bail at the Old Bailey, London, to answer charges of obtaining credit by fraud.

An immigrant's certificate automatically confers Israeli citizenship.

Mr Goldston, aged 20, a clerk, of London, was charged with obtaining £1,634 credit by fraud and two offences under the Bankruptcy Act.—China Mail Special.

**Govt Defeats
Censure On
Phone Tapping**

London, Dec. 16.

The government tonight defeated a Labour censure motion in the House of Commons after a fiery debate on police tapping of private telephone lines.

The Home Secretary, Mr R. A. Butler declared there was no widespread wiretapping.

At the same time he announced he was setting up a committee to consider whether evidence collected by the police in this way should be handed over to professional disciplinary bodies.

Wiretapping started a national controversy recently after a disclosure that police eavesdropping on the phone led to a doctor being barred from practising his profession.

STRUCK OFF

Dr Kenneth Fox, 46, was struck off the register by the General Medical Council, governing body of the profession, for "unfavourable conduct."

The Council sub-poenaed the police to produce a record of a telephone conversation between the doctor and a patient.

The censure motion, filed by Mr Patrick Gordon Walker (Labour) regretted Mr Butler's failure to insure that no telephone conversation be intercepted without his express warrant.

"Unless we take a clear stand that the police need a warrant for an interception, we will find our liberties in danger," Mr Walker declared.

Mr Butler told the House: "All my inquiries show that this method of investigation is very sparingly used indeed."—AP.

**QUEENSLAND
HIT BY
HEAT WAVE**

Brisbane, Dec. 16.

Western Queensland, dried up by drought for the past three years, is now being seared by a heat wave.

Temperatures up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit have powdered up the little grass left by the long drought.

A bulletin issued by the Graziers' Federal Council of Australia says that unless good rains fall in the next few weeks, the graziers' plight will be "desperate."

A grazier whose property is 20 miles west of Charleville, Mr F. W. Heinemann, said he and his men had cut down 8,000 acres of scrub for feed in the past two years, because there was no grass for his sheep.

His flock had been reduced from its normal 10,000 to 4,500. Another owner, Mr H. Tully, of Coniston station, 60 miles from Quilpie, said that instead of his normal carrying of 12,000 sheep and 2,000 cattle, there were now 11,000 sheep and no cattle.—China Mail Special.

EXPLOSION ON TANKER A MYSTERY

London, Dec. 16.

The cause of the explosion in the 17,000-ton Japanese built British tanker Stanvac Japan in the Arabian sea in October, 1958, when 10 British officers and 10 other crew lost their lives, remains a mystery.

Giving the findings of the inquiry into the explosion here today, the Wreck Commissioner, Mr H. S. Carmichael, QC, said the main explosion, followed by several smaller explosions, probably occurred in number five, centre tank while it was being washed.

But he added: "The court has been unable to ascertain the cause of the explosion as all those concerned in the tank

washing lost their lives. Therefore any question of wrongful act or default by any person can be ruled out."

It was clear, said Mr Carmichael, that the whole of the centre cargo weighing about 400 tons had been blown in the air, reversing itself in the process.

"That such explosions could occur in the course of a routine washing-out of tanks under the supervision of an experienced and competent Chief Officer is disturbing," he said.

Although the court was unable to come to a conclusion as to the cause of the explosion, it had certain recommendations to make.

His statement, which also included a suggestion that Nato could become a fourth nuclear power, with the Supreme Commander in charge of the atomic stockpiles, came in a vigorous debate in which most ministers were said to have been in favour of air integration as a development France has refused to support.

The Defence Ministers at today's session passed the question on to Nato's Permanent Council without reaching a decision.

CRITICISM

France, which has refused to have American nuclear stockpiles on her territory without sharing in their control, was described as coming in for widespread criticism at the session for refusing to integrate its air defences into the Nato system.

The Nato spokesman said that from the tenor of the debate it seemed to be the majority wish of the council to have an integrated air defence system, but it was decided to study the matter further at ambassadorial level in the Nato Permanent Council.

Mr Harold Watkinson, British Defence Minister, was reported to have said Britain was willing to offer its Europe-based fighter aircraft to a unified European air defence, according to a conference source.

BRITISH TROOPS

He said his government had decided to maintain its present 55,000 troops in Germany, to give consideration "sympathetic to Nato" of the future of its second tactical air force in Europe, and to encourage the standardisation of weapons in Europe.

Tomorrow, final day of the session, the council will continue the political debate it began on opening day yesterday, covering an analysis of the world situation and the prospects of an East-West summit.

Conference observers regard April 21 as a likely date for this top level meeting with Mr Nikita Khrushchev.—Reuter.

**The Duke Tours
Boys' Clubs**

London, Dec. 16.

The Duke of Edinburgh toured a number of boys' clubs in east and south London last night and sampled their sausage rolls and mince pies to make sure they were tasty.

The Duke stopped before one counter, pointed to the rolls, and asked: "Is there any sausage in them?"

"Yes, plenty," one of the women helpers replied.

"Good," the Duke said, moving on.—Reuter.

**Trawler
And Crew
Missing**

Glasgow, Dec. 16.

The British trawler Red Falcon today was officially reported missing and believed lost with her crew of 20.

The Red Falcon was last heard of by radio off Trec, on the coast of Argyllshire, on Monday. A hard gale, tail-end of the storm which swept European coasts last week, was raging at the time.

**Ships Speed
To Rescue
Of Drifting
Carriers**

Honolulu, Dec. 16.

Four ships have sped to the rescue of two obsolete aircraft carriers and a tugboat helplessly adrift in the fury of a Pacific storm near Midway Islands.

High seas broke low lines from the tug Elbe to the two small United States carriers, Guadalcanal and Mission Bay.

Then one of the broken tow lines fouled in the Elbe's propeller and she, too, was helpless.

The U.S. navy said the Elbe carried 25 crewmen and a skeleton crew of eight men was on each of the carriers. The carriers were being towed to Japan for scrapping.

NEAREST SCENE

The destroyer Richard S. Edwards was nearest the scene, about 630 miles south of Midway and 1,300 miles west of Honolulu. The destroyer was expected to reach the area late today.

The carrier Bon Homme Richard and the Navy tugboat Moccobbi were ordered to the scene.

The Dutch tug Clyde, also towing small carriers to Japan, left her tows at Honolulu and set out for the distress area.

The weather bureau in Honolulu estimated winds in the area at 40 knots. Winds have been heavy there for several days.

The Elbe left New York in October on the voyage to Japan. The Guadalcanal and Mission Bay were World War II carriers and neither has power nor radio.

**TREATMENT OF
NEGROES IN
LITTLE ROCK**

Washington, Dec. 17.

Rep. Charles C. Diggs (Democrat of Michigan) charged yesterday that Negro students in integrated high schools at Little Rock, Arkansas, were being spat on, struck and kicked daily. He asked President Eisenhower to intercede personally.

Mr Diggs made his charges in letters to President Eisenhower and to Mr Everett Tucker, President of the Little Rock School Board. He wrote them after a visit "of several days" in Arkansas.

The congressman, himself a Negro, said he also had toured most other southern States but found the worst conditions in Little Rock.

"Things are not as bad in the high schools as they were during the first year of integration in 1957," he wrote. "However there is no question that these Negro youngsters are still under severe duress."

He also said he found evidence of collusion between enforcement officers and segregationists.

He asked: "Would the provision of cages be practicable? They would be designed to prevent the students falling to the tank bottom and also to protect them from being struck by a falling object."—Reuter.

FRAUD CHARGES
(See Back Page)

**Eye-Witnesses To
Bandaranaike
Shooting Testify**

Colombo, Dec. 16.

Three eye-witness accounts of the shooting of Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, Prime Minister of Ceylon, were given in court here today at the resumed magistrate's inquiry into his assassination on September 25.

One witness, Mr W. Piyadasa, a cultivator from central Ceylon, who had gone to the Prime Minister's home with two others for an audience, said he saw a Buddhist monk, Somarama Thero, fire the first two shots which killed Mr Bandaranaike.

Somarama Thero is alleged to have shot the Prime Minister, and six others are alleged to have conspired with him to commit the murder.

SHOTS FIRED

Another cultivator, Mr R. Piyadasa, who was with Mr W. Piyadasa, said he also saw a monk fire the shots.

When asked to identify the man in court he pointed at Somarama Thero, but under cross-examination by Mr T. S. P. Senanayake, on behalf of Somarama Thero, he said he did not say definitely that the monk was the man who fired the shots. "I said that he looked like the man who shot."

Mr W. Piyadasa said the Prime Minister saluted Somarama Thero after speaking to others seeking audience, and took a pace backwards.

The monk then pulled a pistol from under his robe and, holding it in both hands, fired two shots at the Prime Minister.

SHOT AT MAN

Somarama Thero was standing about three or four feet from the Prime Minister. He then aimed at Ananda Thero, a monk who had accompanied Somarama Thero, but did not fire. He also shot at a man in national costume standing nearby.

Cross-examined, Mr W. Piyadasa said he did not know whether Ananda Thero knew whether Ananda Thero spoke to each other.

Mr R. Piyadasa said that after being shot, the Prime Minister ran into his house. The two cultivators leapt from the porch.

Under cross-examination, he said he had not attended an identification parade and today was the first time since the shooting that he had seen Somarama Thero.

Mr Wijekoon Wickremesinghe, a teacher, said in evidence that he was at Mr Bandaranaike's house on the day of the shooting and saw a monk jump towards the Prime Minister.

VIEW OBSTRUCTED

He heard the sound of a shot from their direction but did not see anything in the hand of the monk as his view was obstructed.

Then he heard two or three more shots and saw that the monk was clutching a weapon. The Prime Minister shouted and ran into the house and the monk, with a pistol in his right hand, chased after him.

There were two more shots, and witness rushed into the house and saw the Prime Minister lying in a chair. The monk was surrounded and being attacked.

The inquiry will be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

**Homemade
Bomb
Explodes
In School**

Chicago, Dec. 16.

A homemade time bomb, expertly contrived from aluminium tubing, a long-burning candle, and black powder, exploded today in a high school where 1,200 youngsters were gathered for classes.

Police, alerted by a mysterious telephone call, were searching the lockers at the moment the bomb went off on the third floor of Steinmetz High School, about minutes ahead of schedule. The telephoned warning, received at police headquarters was "a bomb is going off in a locker at the Steinmetz School." Police searches were close by when the bomb ripped open a locker door.

The students were unaware of the search and paid little attention to the blast. The school principal had not ordered the building evacuated, and classes continued afterwards.

Police believed the bomb probably was set by a student and was a dangerous follow-up to the bomb scares which have plagued Chicago schools this year.—UPI.

**Typhoon Not
Likely To
Affect HK**

Typhoon Gilda was located this morning about 480 miles east-southeast of Manila, moving west-northwest at about 10 knots.

The Royal Observatory said the storm would probably recurve to the east of the Philippines and was unlikely to affect Hongkong.

Gilda was pinpointed at 200 miles east of the central Philippine island of Samar with 150 mph centre winds, moving WNW at 14 mph towards southern Luzon and the Central Philippines.

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Ceremony At The Vatican

Vatican City, Dec. 16. Seven new Princes of the Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday met Pope John XXIII for the first time as Cardinals and received their red birettas, or caps.

Missing from the solemn semi-public Consistory in the Vatican Palace was one of the eight new Cardinals formally created on Monday by Pope John XXIII. Paolo Cardinal Maruffa, Papal Nuncio to France, received his biretta from President Charles De Gaulle in Paris. This followed an old tradition for France and Spain.

The new Cardinals will receive their broad-brimmed red hats in a public consistory on Thursday.—AP.

Florence, Dec. 16. A strong earthquake shook cities and towns of the Tuscany region on Wednesday, two minutes past midnight. There were no reports of damage.—AP.

BRITAIN, EUROPE CO-OPERATION ON TRAFFIC TICKETS

Paris, Dec. 16. Britain and European countries may standardise highway codes in the near future and establish Police co-operation under which traffic tickets can follow offenders over national borders.

An agreement between Interpol, the international Police organisation, and the Council of Europe to work for such standardisation was announced here at the end of a three-day secret meeting of the Interpol Annual General Assembly, attended by 45 of the 63 member countries.

RADIO NETWORK

Under the procedure envisaged, a British tourist who breaks a traffic law in Switzerland could find his ticket delivered to his home address in Britain, and be legally required to pay it. Delegates to the session discussed plans for the extension and improvement of the international radio network.

Missile Makes Return Flight

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 16. A Snark intercontinental range guided missile completed its third consecutive 2,000-mile round trip flight over the Atlantic on Wednesday.

The winged, 69-foot missile sped about 1,000 miles down range to the vicinity of Puerto Rico, then turned around and came back, guided all the way from a ground station here.

It glided to a halt on the Cape landing strip with the aid of a parachute which popped out of its tail. The trip took 4½ hours.—AP.

Trick Saved Him

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 16.

One of two 11-year-old boys digging a trench under a porch was buried for 10 minutes when it caved in on top of him. He saved himself by a trick he saw on television.

"After the cave-in I cupped my hands over my mouth like I've seen it done on TV whenever someone is caught in a cave-in," Billy Brown told his father.

He was unconscious when police dug him out on Tuesday. Oxygen was administered and he was treated for head cuts and exhaustion. His condition was reported as good.

Cupping his hand over his mouth created an air pocket as the soft dirt covered his head.—AP.

ADMIRAL WRIGHT RETIRES FROM NATO POST

Paris, Dec. 16.

The retirement of U.S. Admiral Jerauld Wright as Supreme Allied Commander in the Atlantic sector was announced today during the Ministerial Conference of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

Nato Secretary General Paul Henri Spaak announced the news to the ministers of the 15-nation alliance. He said he had to announce with regret the departure from Nato of two eminent leaders—General Theodore Parker of the U.S. Army, representative of the standing group at the Nato International Secretariat and Admiral Wright, who is leaving

after six years as "SACLANT". No specific date was disclosed for the retirement but it will take effect shortly.

Wright himself in a farewell address urged greater efforts on the part of the Nato naval forces but said he did not want to leave on a note of pessimism. He said the alliance had made great progress during the past few years.—AP.

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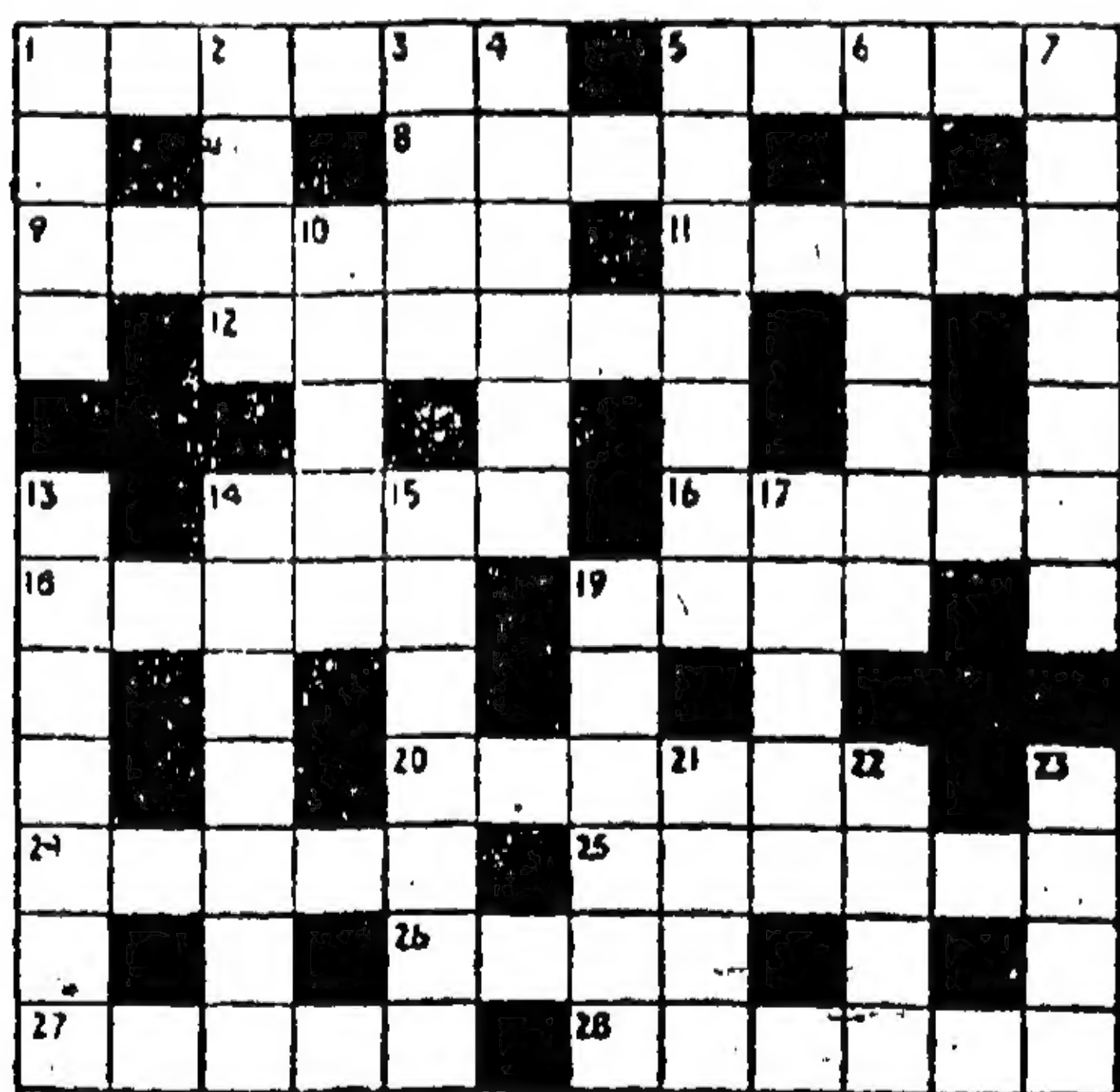
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2 Hard currency? (5).
3 Far from fussy (4).
4 Cab, Parisian, perhaps (6).
5 When she comes back she looks exactly the same (5).
6 Seen by logical people? (6).
7 Let in for tourists (4).
8 Both thick and stupid (5).
9 Pench, possibly, but not dear (5).
10 As sailors know, there's more in this than meets the eye (4).
11 Get back at a price (6).
12 Composed by disgruntled fishermen? (5).
13 Speech showing I am in commerce (8).
14 State positively (4).
15 She makes a start with the Spanish (5).
16 Deliver (6).
DOWN
1 So far not right to sit upon (4).
2 Bring up or rise up (4).
3 Short paragraph, rubbery (4).
4 It's a restful time (6).
5 Chemical compound (7).
6 Pressing (7).
7 Tool for a bridge builder? (7).
8 Alternative name (5).
9 Educational subject (7).
10 Drug (7).
11 Not luxurious (7).
12 Blunder (5).
13 Silencer chaff? (6).
14 Ancestor (4).
15 Cleans girl? (4).
16 Look equal (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Chewy, 4 Trifle, 8 Bishop, 10 Scene, 12 Orator, 14 Relates, 17 Mike, 19 Silpend, 20 Regular, 22 Eres, 23 Gillies, 27 Recede, 28 A-side, 30 Easier, 31 Echoes, 32 Edged. Down: 1 Cider, 2 Esquel, 3 Sco-o-l, 5 Rest, 6 Faurie, 7 Everted, 9 Pressing, 11 Compel, 13 A-stride, 16 Dwer, 18 Amused, 19 Kneec, 20 Rebate, 21 Garish, 24 Leave, 25 Kcing, 26 Shred, 28 Cede.

Claim For Libel Rejected

Nairobi, Dec. 16. Judgment with costs was given in favour of the Kenya Attorney-General, Mr Eric Griffith-Jones, in the Supreme Court here today in a case in which Air Commodore E. L. Howard-Williams had claimed damages for alleged libel in a Kenya Government handout.

Air Commodore Howard-Williams, a member of the Kenya Legislative Council and proprietor of the proscribed magazine Independent, claimed that the alleged libel was contained in a Government press handout explaining the reasons for banning the Independent.

SEDITION

Earlier in the hearing Air Commodore Howard-Williams counsel said it was "rather hard" on the plaintiff that he should be accused of sedition and not be given an opportunity of clearing his name in court. He asked for very heavy damages, saying the Air Commodore's political career had been severely damaged.

Mr J. S. Rumbold, for the Attorney-General, submitted that there was no evidence to show that reasonable people thought the words in the handout meant, in effect, an accusation of sedition against the Air Commodore.

He alleged the magazine had contained "quite appalling allegations against the government including corruption, chicanery, and condonation of tax evasion."—China Mail Special.

Murder Appeal Is Dismissed

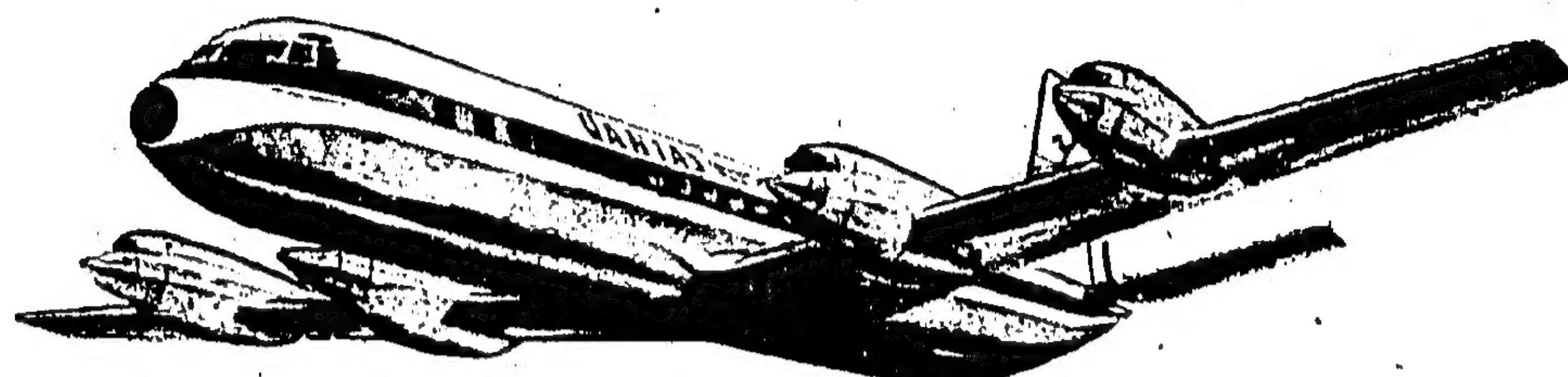
Los Angeles, Dec. 16. The California Supreme Court today refused to dismiss a murder charge against Carole Tregoff in the slaying of her lover's socialite wife, Barbara Jean Finch.

Carole Tregoff, 22, is on trial with Dr R. Bernard Finch, 42, for the July 18 shooting. Selection of a jury continued today with Attorney Grant Cooper, representing Finch, still refusing to accept a panel acceptable to the prosecution. The high court was asked to issue a writ of prohibition on the grounds that Carole Tregoff was indicted by a Grand Jury on the basis of improper testimony.—UPI.

Volcano Erupts

Honolulu, Dec. 16. Kilauea Iki erupted on Tuesday night for the 12th time since November 14, shooting lava 1,100 feet skyward. The fireworks display began at 7:33 p.m. and lasted two hours.

Earlier on Tuesday Kilauea Iki had its 11th eruption in a little more than a month. The 1,000-foot fountain ended at 10:25 a.m. local time after 4½ hours activity.—UPI.



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Princess Anne Gives A Party

London, Dec. 16.
Nine-year-old Princess Anne yesterday played hostess at a Buckingham Palace party for members of her Brownie pack.
The pack was formed last May when Princess Anne joined the ranks of the Brownies. The guests, numbering about 20, included the daughters of socially prominent families living in the neighbourhood of the Palace and the daughters of a taxi driver, an electrician, and a hotel maintenance man.
The guests were picked up by bus at the Natural History Museum, in West London, their normal Tuesday meeting place, and driven to the Palace.
Unanimous verdict of the children when they rejoined their parents two-and-a-half hours later was: "We've had a marvellous time."—Reuter.

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Policeman On Robbery Charge Says MP Can Provide Alibi

Chingford, Dec. 16.
A London policeman accused of taking part in an £18,000 bank raid was alleged here yesterday to have told Police that a Conservative member of parliament could provide him with an alibi.

The policeman, George Askew, 39, a former member of the Palestine Police, appeared on remand. He was further remanded in custody today for a week and bail was opposed by the Police.
Three other men, John Young, 71, retired; William Goodwin, 30, window cleaner and Edward Irving, 34, salesman, were also remanded.
They are all charged with being concerned together with breaking and entering a Chingford bank between October 31, and November 2, and stealing cash and jewellery worth £18,103.

They are also charged individually with receiving part of the proceeds.

WOMEN REMANDED

Two women concerned in the case were today further remanded for 14 days on £100 bail. They are Mrs Rose Irving, 57, and Miss Beryl Irving, 24, who are charged with receiving £24 knowing it to have been stolen.

A Chief Inspector said today that when Askew was told he would be charged he replied: "It's impossible. Mr John Harvey, the Conservative MP and Sir James H. H. Fellowes, the solicitor, can prove I was not there. I was at the same table with them at a dinner until two o'clock in the morning."—China Mail Special.

Israel To De-Salt Red Sea Water

London, Dec. 16.
An American company and the Israeli Government tonight announced plans for the first industrial application of a new process of de-salting sea water.

Fairbanks-Whitney Corp. of New York and the Israeli Government will build two plants to turn waters of the Red Sea into pure water for irrigation and drinking by freezing it.

The two plants would produce a total of 2,500,000 gallons of fresh water daily and would cost about 40 cents per gallon.—UPI.

To Relinquish Post

London, Dec. 16.
Sir Howard Deville, who has been connected with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for nearly 50 years, will relinquish office as Secretary General on June 30, next year, it was announced today.

He will be succeeded by Mr J. G. Lockhart, Secretary of the United Kingdom Branch since 1949.—China Mail Special.

UK Songwriters Told "Stick To Two Pseudonyms"

London, Dec. 16.
British songwriters have been told that they must stick to a maximum of two pseudonyms "although there are good reasons why a composer should need more than two pseudonyms."

The ruling was handed down by the governing committee of the Performing Right Society, which said that composers who feel they have "good reasons" for using more aliases would have the right to appeal.
Mr Harold Walter, General Manager of the Society, said it

No Celebrations For Monarchy's Anniversary, Says Macmillan

London, Dec. 16.
Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, has rejected proposals for officially celebrating next year the 300th anniversary of the restoration of the monarchy in Britain with King Charles II.

The restoration came in 1660 after the civil war between King Charles I (who was beheaded) and Parliament and a period of virtual dictatorship under Oliver Cromwell and his son, Richard.

Celebrations were suggested by two Conservatives, Mr John Hughes-Davison and Mr John Arbuthnot.

Mr Macmillan replied: "The unique position of the crown and the deep affection in which Her Majesty is held by all the peoples of the Commonwealth, result from a long history stretching over hundreds of years. In this long story there have been sunlight and shadow, conflict and even tragedy."

Mr Macmillan went on: "I do not think it would strengthen the position of the crown to single out a particular incident from the past."

"I believe, rather, that it is better to concentrate on the present.
"A coronation, an opening of Parliament, the birth of a royal infant—all these seem more suitable for celebration."—China Mail Special.

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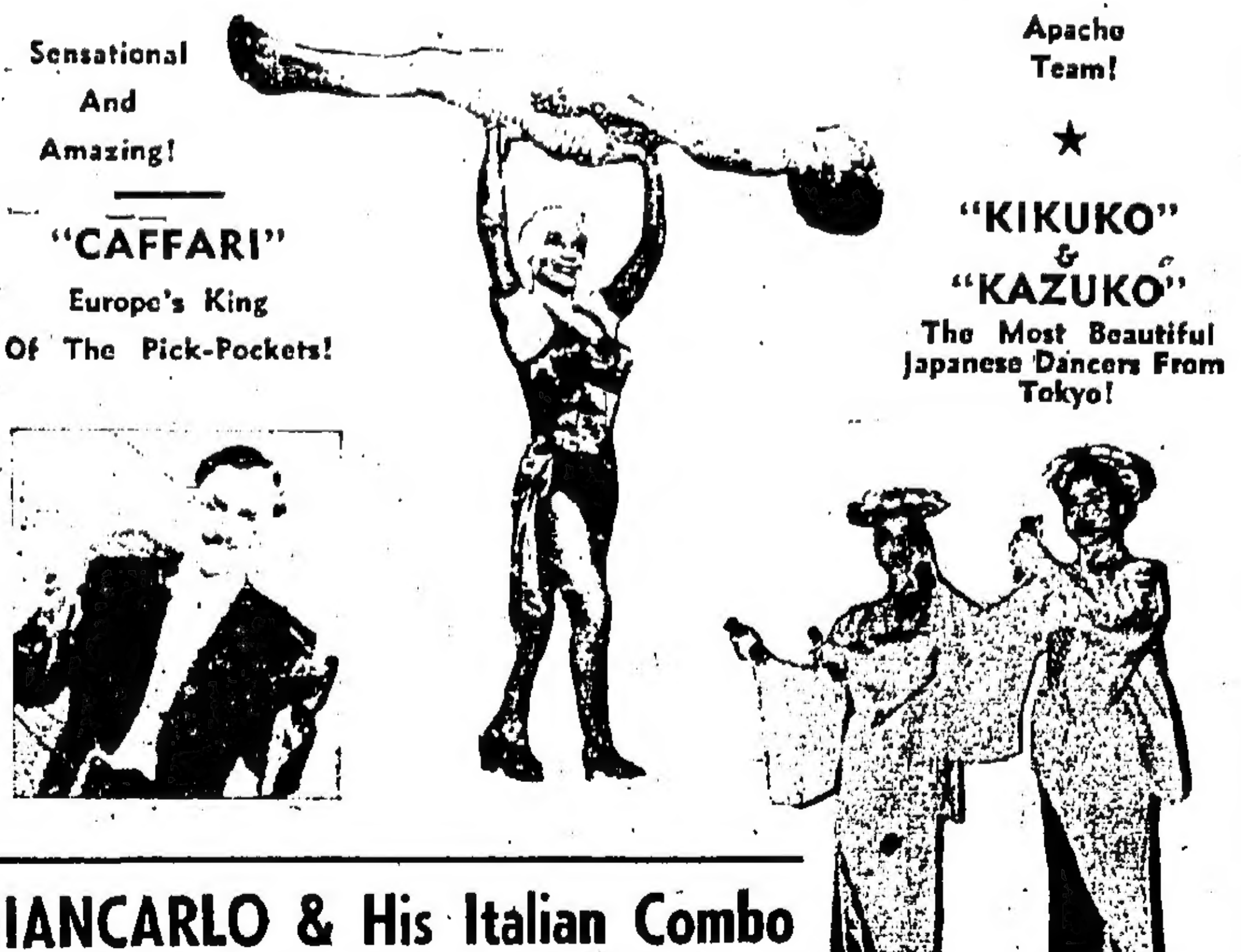
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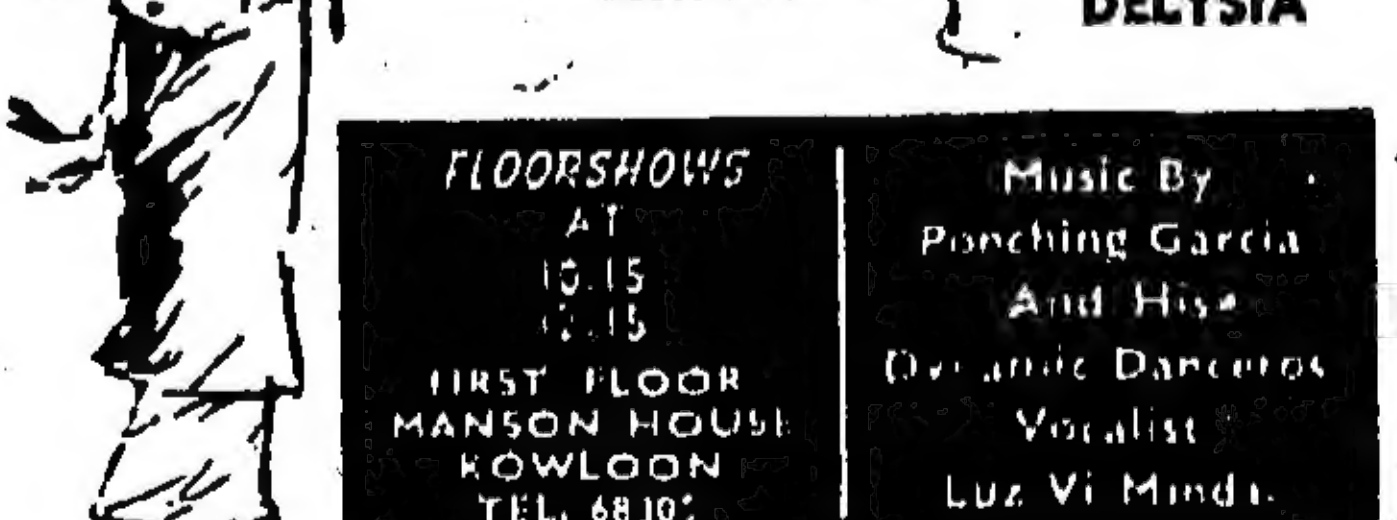
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THE KING OF PICK-POCKETS



POP—Never-Never Land



THEY'LL KILL ME!

New York. UNDER the bright lights of Broadway recently I heard a man calmly forecast his own murder. He is Willie Reid, a Negro farm worker who, in a few days, will be back in the Florida chain gang from which he escaped seven years ago.

He and thousands of New Yorkers believe he is returning to certain death. "The guards will shoot me in the back of the head the first chance they get," he told me.

Church and trade union leaders and lawyers have fought Florida's demand for the extradition of Reid for four years.

Two appeals to New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller have failed. The Supreme Court has refused a plea to review the case. Now nothing more can be done.

The charge began nine years ago, almost to the day. Reid was playing cards with other Negro men in Florida. A fight started, and he pushed a man in the shoulder.

The charge

Reid was charged with assault for which the maximum penalty in Florida is two years. He was tried without a defense lawyer and convicted of a much greater offense—assault with intent to kill, for which the maximum is 15 years.

And he got 15 years. He had 15 more to serve when he escaped.

Reid is on bond in New York while he waits for the Florida trial to begin.

We walked together among catches that began to be laid

"I'M JUST A DEAD DUCK" SAYS WILLIE

From Peter Vane

me what he expects when he goes back to the chain gang. "They'll be out to kill me all right," he said. "Escape bids alone are sure tickets to death. But when you've spilled the beans about them, then they've really got it in for you."

"They got two ways of killing me. A guard can just kick a chair in the ground and tell me to walk towards it. When I walk the guard will shoot me in the back."

The trial

"He's gotta shoot me in the back so he can prove I was trying to make another break. And I won't be able to argue. If they want to do it fancy, that's simple enough too. They'll have one of their Negro trusty prisoners pick a fight with me over nothing. At the right moment the trusty

will step aside and the guard will shoot me down."

Reid told me the story of his trial. "There wasn't nobody in that courtroom except the judge, the judge, and me," he said.

The future

"And the judge said 'How do you plead, boy? Because I could open my mouth the fader said 'You know you guilty, nigger, so go on and plead guilty.'"

"And the judge he say 'Guilty plea accepted—15 years for assault with intent to kill' and that was about it, mister."

I asked Reid if he will try to run for another State before

the guards come to take him back.

His poker face cracked into a grin for the first time. "It's a mighty tempting thought, mister," he said. "But I'm sick of running. And I wouldn't be running long. They'd get me."

As he walked away Reid said: "Don't worry about me, mister. A lotta people already done that and it ain't got them anywhere. I'm just a dead duck anyway."

Last word from Governor Rockefeller: "The Constitution does not permit me to revoke the extradition warrant."

No matter how he feels about the Negro vote in New York Rockefeller still has to do his duty.

But he has tried to save a few of those votes—he has asked Florida Governor Le Roy Collins to guarantee Reid's safety.

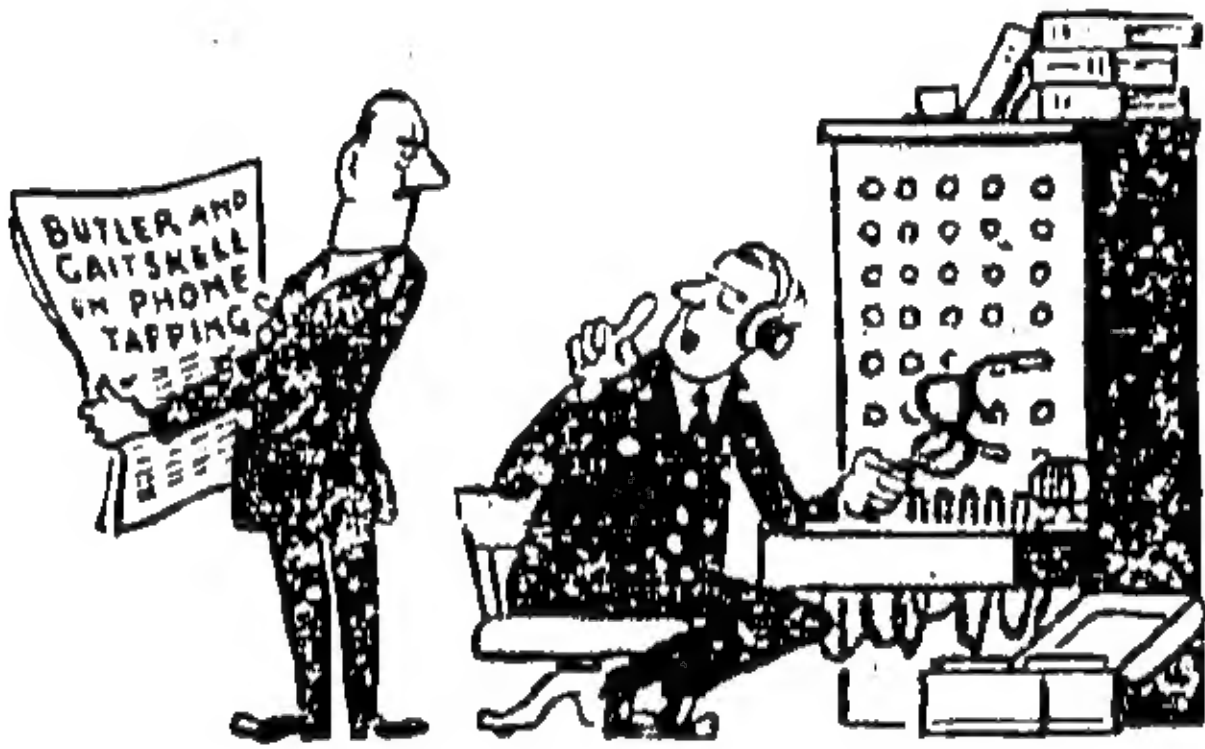
"I'D CALL SOUTH AFRICA THE CAT'S WHISKERS"
—FIELD-MARSHAL MONTGOMERY IN CAPE TOWN ON DEC. 4.



"NICE PUSSY . . .!"

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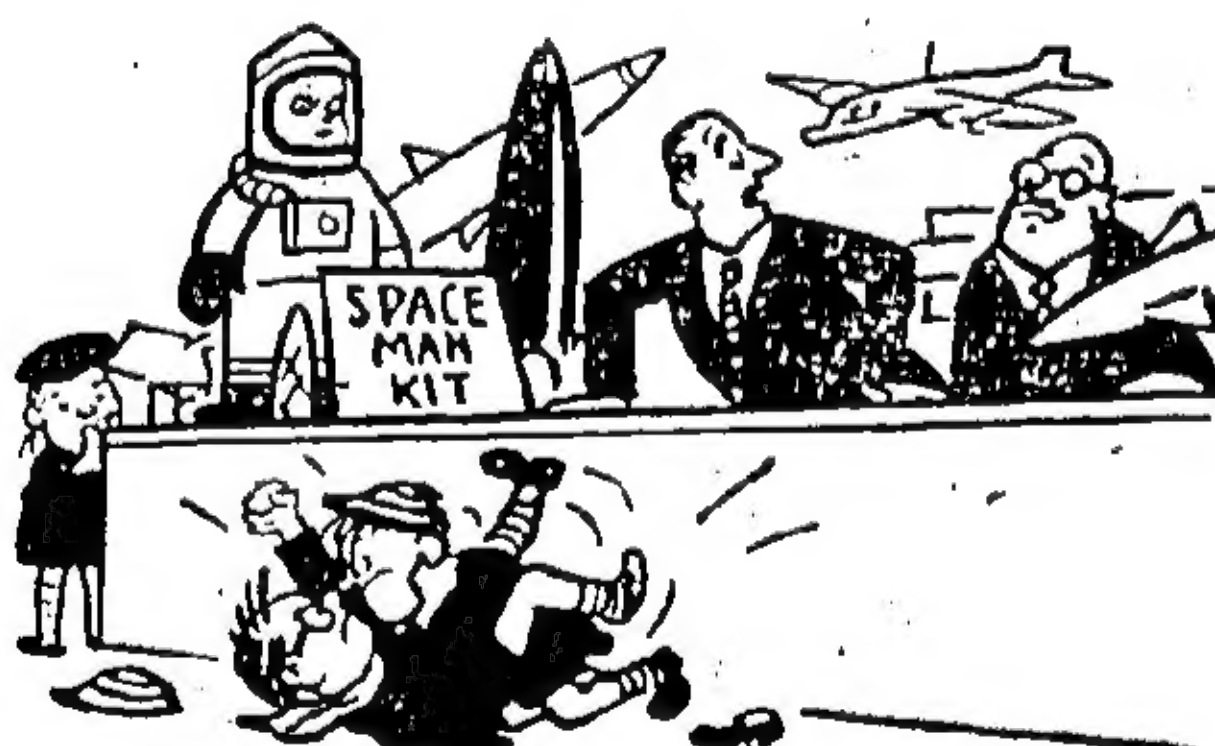
Mid Week Selection by Friell



"They are going to arrange a debate through the usual channels—I'll tell you as soon as I hear the date."



"If the BBC are really going in for plugs on sound radio so am I."



"A difference as to the folly or otherwise of a space programme—who knows? The future of Britain may depend on the outcome!"

Just. Fancy That!

A CORPORATION dustcart pulled up, on fire, outside the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly the other night.

The doorman shouted: "Get that thing away from here."

The three-man crew yelled back: "Watch out for the petrol tank, and look shelter in the hotel's colonnade."

Fire extinguishers were borrowed from the hotel but the smouldering dustcart could not be shifted for half an hour.

A SWINDLER has dismantled a Copenhagen sports club belonging to the city council. For four days he and a helper tore up all they could. He sold doors, windows, floorboards—even bricks—then vanished.

FOUR THOUSAND Argentine children in Cordoba City's State schools have boycotted the local zoo because President Arturo Frondisi has failed to keep a promise to supply a tiger.

Cordoba's mayor has telegraphed to Frondisi to please send a tiger before the children get out of hand.

Frondisi said recently he would make the tiger question first on the list of urgent State affairs.

Paris Newsletter from SAM WHITE

Paris. ACTRESS Odile Versois has returned from a two months' stay in New York "boiling with rage."

The reason for her rage? After being asked to play with Rex Harrison in a Broadway production of one of Anouilh's latest plays called in English *The Fighting Cock*, she was told shortly after arrival that she was unsuitable for the role. The reason given was that her slight French accent (actually more Russian than French) would have clashed with the impeccable English accent of the rest of the cast.

Personally, I consider her accent so slight that it would require only a little coaching by Professor Higgins for all traces of it to be removed.

For any actress to be found unsuitable for a role after the first few rehearsals is, of course, a considerable blow. For an actress as famous and as fiery tempered as Mlle. Versois it is more than a blow—it is a declaration of war.

OUR MISTAKE

However, she had subsided considerably when I saw her shortly after her return here, and she spoke more in anguish than in anger.

"I was hired for the play," she told me, "by Peter Brook and Rex Harrison. At that time they thought I would be perfect for the role; then shortly after I got to New York Brook told me 'Sorry, can't work. It was our mistake in the first place.'"

"He gave me the reason my slight foreign accent, which is really so slight that I lose it almost completely after a few days in London. Now I have become self-conscious about my accent."

"I don't think that was the real reason. I think they were just scared because French plays are poison on Broadway and they didn't want to emphasise that it was a French play by employing a French actress."

Mlle. Versois has rejected an offer of a settlement and is demanding the full terms of the original agreement.

In private life she is the Countess de Borgo. He is Corsican and I should say he is quite ready to challenge Peter Brook to a duel.

TYPICAL

The best description I can think of for 34-year-old blonde Jeanne Rhinlander, "other woman" in the Onassis divorce case, is that she is a typical Raymond Chandler heroine.

She has brains, brains and money and she is the kind of glamorous American divorcee for whom wealth is the final and inevitable decorative touch.

Such women are dangerous to established European institutions. They topple thrones, marry into the aristocracy, and provide a unique kind of poison to European millionaires who can reflect contentedly that

An accent loses Odile her Broadway role

women so rich are obviously interested solely in their charms. I have heard nothing, but good concerning her. She warns to people who are hard drinkers. She lives in a gloomy castle-like chateau built by her father which is protected by bayonet high-bred wounds, and from which she launches devastatingly lively attacks on fashionable Riviera resorts.

GEORGES BIDAULT on Chancellor Adenauer: "This old man whose only fault is that he is not called Bismarck."

REWARD

Playwright Marcel Achard, having been elected to that august body the French Academy, was last week presented with his academician's sword, which is traditionally bought for an academician by his friends.

Altogether, some 400 people subscribed towards the purchase of the sword, which cost nearly £800.

It is a delicate matter for a friend to decide how much he is to subscribe in these circumstances.

As usual the rich are afraid of being ostentatious and the

less well off of not giving enough.

It all works out in the end, however, with as in this case, a contribution of 30 shillings from the Baron Ely de Rothschild and of £10 by someone who cannot afford 10 shillings.

Achard, stout and beaming behind his enormous, horn-rimmed spectacles, has made a positive cult of amiability all his life.

The worst one can say of him is that he has not an enemy in the world and his election to the Academy can be considered as the ultimate reward for this dreary condition.

INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE: Not liking the overalls the stage hands were wearing Marlene Dietrich has bought them all pullovers from Dior.

One of the best kept secrets in Paris is the identity of Brigitte Bardot's dressmaker. She is the only film actress in France who has never patronised any of the big fashion houses.

This is, of course, a tribute to her typically French middle-class sense of economy, and also reveals her rather attractive quality of not being too self-conscious about clothes.

As it happens, her dressmaker is a prosperous but minor one who occupies minute premises on the Left Bank. He is at present at work on two maternity gowns for her.

It was a sad sight to see the late Aga Khan's widow, the

begun, unescorted and occupying the rear seat at the Marlborough Hotel performance here.

What has happened that she should be both alone and so

badly placed? Can it be that the Parisian society, now that the Aga is dead, finds it harder than ever to forgive her her modest social origins?

★ ★ ★

I HAVE just flown around the Reggane area of this dead, least-known piece of Africa, where France will explode her atom-bomb early next year.

And I can confirm that it looks like the death-bed of all creation.

Meteorologists, after living in the desert in the past year, report that their graphs show that the prevailing winds—if the proper date is chosen—will speedily disperse the bomb's radioactive dust across 600 miles of territory where not even locusts bother to fly.

According to de Gaulle's meteorologists, who are top priority men in the desert at this moment, France's A-bomb dust will drift south-west over Reggane down to the French Sudan border.

De Gaulle's choice for his bomb site and the confirmation of its wind and weather drift by his scientists makes the American's Nevada and the Russian Lake of Balkhash look like the rush hour in the Strand by comparison.

I flew over endless sand dunes, black eroded mountains, and the dry beds of rivers which rarely reach the surface.

Sometimes the mountains are jet black and smoothly creased. Sometimes they are great, russet sharp-edged plateaus. Sometimes the desert is pale beige and flat, dotted with minute pieces of shrub and thorny wild mimosa.

LIKE A SEA

Sometimes, in the great sand dune areas, it looks like a stormy sea—pitted, fixed in a moment of high typhoon, furious, flame-coloured with great smooth craters as big as the Wembley Stadium, trackless, tiring, and somehow menacing.

The A-bomb road—paler, sometimes almost white—glazes from one patch of damp desert to another.

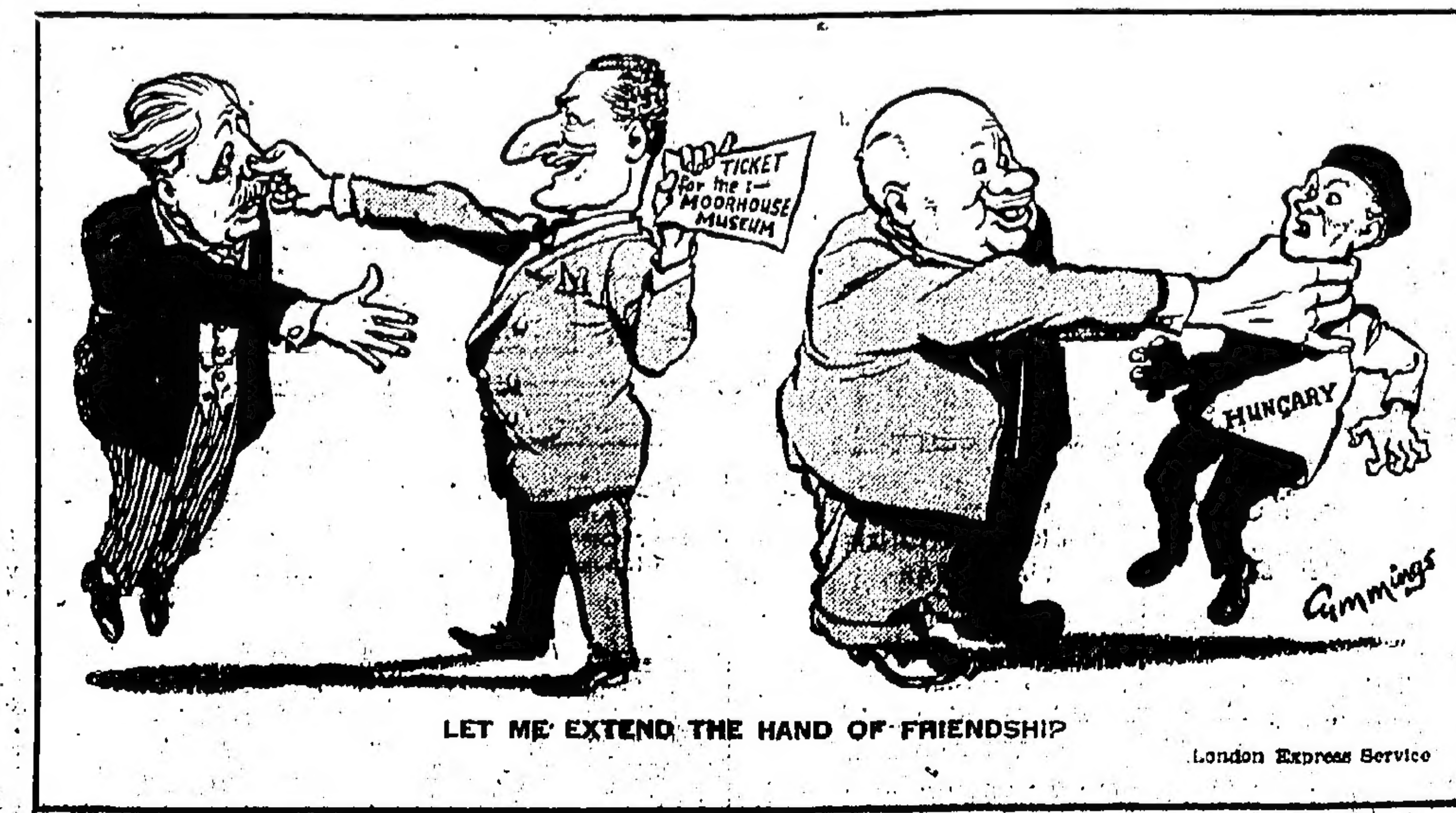
And I am convinced of one thing. Anyone who has seen the ghastly stretch of nothing must know that no harm can come to anyone from the French A-bomb.



ODILE VERSOIS: "French plays are poison on Broadway."

THE A-BOMB WILL FALL WHERE NO LOCUSTS FLY

From SYDNEY SMITH



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

AQUARIUS (12) (January 21-February 19): When asking someone to do an unpleasant job for you, you must not expect him to go to the limit of his endeavour.

PISCES (19) (February 20-March 20): Facing a complicated situation, you will have to delve deeper into its causes before you attempt to cope with it.

ARIES (5) (March 21-April 19): You may benefit materially from a meeting with a relative whom you have not seen for a long time.

TAURUS (7) (April 20-May 20): Having been far from happy in your present environment, you will leave when you do with few regrets.

GEMINI (4) (May 21-June 21): Don't build false hopes on a proposition which is by no means certain to produce the desired results.

CANCER (11) (June 22-July 21): Avoid being drawn into a discussion on a subject about which you know

little; better be silent than embarrassed.
LEO (3) (July 22-August 21): If you want the co-operation of others, you will have to learn to handle them more tactfully.

VIRGO (8) (August 22-September 22): You must combat the tendency to alternate between depression and optimism, as it disturbs those around you as well as yourself.

LIBRA (11) (September 23-October 22): Incompatibility of temperament does not make for happiness in a relationship, and you should break it up before it is too late.

SCORPIO (16) (October 23-November 21): On returning from a long journey do not expect everything to have gone wrong in your absence. You will probably find things exactly as they were.

SAGITTARIUS (2) (November 22-December 21): Since you find it necessary to be alone at times, you should make a point of finding a spot where you will not be disturbed.

CAPRICORN (10) (December 22-January 20): Walking about the countryside deep in thought blinds you to the beauty of nature. There is a time and place for everything.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

ANDY GABRILOVITCH of Washington, D.C., whose team reached the finals at the Nationals this summer celebrated a short Dallas visit by winning a local duplicate.

North's two-club opening was an artificial forcing bid and Andy's two diamonds an artificial weakness response. Andy's later club jump was

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♥A			
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♣AKJ			
WEST	EAST		
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2 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
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5 ♣	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 N.T.	Pass	7 ♣	Pass
Opening lead — ♠J			

based on his six-card suit and two queens and North's leap to seven no-trump an effort to get the maximum result.

If West had opened a spade Andy could not have made the hand but West made his normal lead of the jack of diamonds. Andy cashed two high diamonds and East dropped the ten of hearts. Andy decided that this was an honest signal in which case he had a sure thing play for his contract.

He simply cashed dummy's ace of hearts and last high diamond and ran off the club suit. On the last club West had to discard down to two spades to hold the diamond ten and Andy let dummy's last diamond go.

East also had to go down to two spades to keep that king of hearts so dummy's spades were good.

♥*CARD SENSE*♥

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♣ 1♥ 1♠ 1NT
2♥ 2♠ 2NT 3♥
You, South, hold:
♠A 7 5 3 2 ♣A K 3 2 ♦7 6
What do you do?
A—Unless your partner is an overbidder you should jump to four hearts. With an overbidder three hearts is sufficient.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding two hearts over West's two clubs your partner has bid two spades. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

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THERE is only one reason for wearing perfume: because you love it. It does not visibly enhance your appearance, nor can it camouflage a boring hat or an unsuccessful dress.

It has, in many cases, an irritating effect of fading 20 minutes after you put it on, and your taste is not necessarily shared by the man you want to please, or the company you would most like to impress.

True luxury

It can be ludicrously expensive. But it is one of the rare, true luxuries left in life, which is why women love it so much.

A dash of her favourite perfume makes a woman feel pampered, loved and envied; it gives her a heady sensation of womanly extravagance. It makes even the poorest woman feel like a princess and a beauty. And it is the best Christmas present of all to give to a woman who needs hundreds of practical, utilitarian things and couldn't possibly afford to buy it for herself.

Where to start

PAY no attention. Please your self. But where to begin? Discard, for a start, those boring "old classifications" into "young", "mature", "older woman's", "into spring, or wintry, or summery". Some of the freshest so-called "young girls' scents make their



BY BARBARA GRIGGS

most delightful impact when worn by a woman of 50, while a whiff of violets or roses can be tediously obvious on a 16-year-old in a white ball-dress.

The supposedly summer perfumes can be a breath of fresh air at a crowded winter cocktail party.

Discard, next, the stale theories about what sort of

perfume appeals to what sort of man. ("Is he an Out-Door Type? Try him with a perfume as light and flowery as the first day of spring. A sophisticated Man about Town? You'll please him with one that says sable and dry martini...")

All this is dangerous rot. The biggest wolf in town might be the first to fall for a fresh day

in spring. The only way to find out whether your perfume pleases the man you love is to try it out.

Exasperated...?

SOME men are completely melted by one good whiff of perfume. Others are exasperated by it. ("I quite like a tiny hint," said one man to me, "but I don't like being hit with a sledgehammer.")

A particular perfume may have unlucky associations for a man that you couldn't possibly be expected to know about. Wear it, and you may summon up from the past the one great love of his life—or the girl who jilted him.

The only safe rule is to wear the perfume you love most, and if the man in your life cannot stand it, perhaps he'll take the hint and buy you a bottle himself.

The best way to narrow the field down slightly before buying is to decide on the sort of atmosphere you want to steep yourself in—for perfumes are tremendous creators of atmosphere.

There are perfumes that are heady with nostalgia and rich with emotional appeal, and there are perfumes of which

So lighthearted

THERE are perfumes as fresh as a deep green forest during a heatwave, and perfumes so gay and lighthearted you almost burst out singing when you smell it.

But perhaps the loveliest of all are the true flower ones: the pure essences of rose or heliotrope or staphanotis or damp violets, magically distilled into a small bottle.

It was when wearing one of these—a lingering aura of carnations—that I heard a perfume sold the greatest compliment of all.

At the end of a taxi-ride to a party the driver, to whom it had drifted through the open partition, leaped out, rushed to open the door, and begged me to tell him my name.

"I want my girl-friend to wear that tomorrow night," he explained. (London Express Service).

Get Mental Side Line To Rest Active Mind

By ANNE HEYWOOD

MINDS need a change of scene every bit as much as bodies do. If you've ever worked against a deadline, you know how weary your mind got and how you had to get away. You had to read a paper for a few minutes or listen to music or sketching. It can be anything so long as it has no connection with the problem. That way you'll recharge your mental batteries and the problem will be easily solved.

Many times, when coping with a big problem, the mind begins to rebel unless we withdraw it from the problem for a while and let it recharge its batteries, so to speak.

I know a famous businessman who keeps a small upright piano in his office, to which he repairs for ten minutes or so when his mind is beginning to flag. And I know a fashion designer who works crossword puzzles in periods of "breaks" through her busy days.

Long-Standing Problems
It's even more important to have such a mental sideline when you're working out long-standing problems.

I remember a woman who, facing bankruptcy and ruin, still took time to withdraw periodically and make a ten-minute rough sketch of a scene out of her window.

She told me later: "I was tempted to jump out the window, but instead I decided to really look at the skyline and rough it up in pencil sketches. While I was doing one of them, a wild idea popped into my mind. I discussed it with my lawyer and, do you know, it was the germ of the idea which rescued the whole business!"

Regained Success
She is successful again—and you can bet she continues that mind-saving hobby of sketching!

Sometimes, when you've had vocational tests and analysis and have knocked yourself out trying to decide what kind of job to tackle, it pays to drop the whole subject for a while and busy yourself with something else. Often a very good idea will occur to you.

Remember the story of the man whose little dog ran away?

Drop It
He spent hours running after it and whistling and calling. Pretty soon, in disgust, he gave up and went home. The little dog ran up and tagged along at his heels.

Problems frequently behave like that.

Getting Sleepy
"I'm getting terribly sleepy," said Blinkie.
"Good night, Blinkie!" said Hanid.

Blinkie gave Hanid a last smile as he turned to go down the stairs to his underground bedroom.

"No," he said, "not Good night, Good winter!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Time To Go To Sleep

—Blinkie Gets Ready For His Long Winter Rest—

By MAX TRELL

IT was just about noon and Blinkie Mole had come up from his underground apartment to sit on his shady doorstep for a few moments and quietly smoke his pipe.

Blinkie was wearing his dark glasses, because his eyes hurt when there was too much light.

Hanid Came Along
He hadn't been there very long when Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, came along.

Blinkie nodded a pleasant good-day.

"Good day to you, Blinkie," said Hanid. "I'm surprised to see you not working. You almost always are, you know!"

"I'm ready to go to sleep," said Blinkie.

Hanid let out a shout of surprise.

"To sleep!" she cried. "Why, it's only the middle of the day!"

"I know it," said Blinkie.

He sat for a moment or two, thoughtfully puffing away at his pipe. Then he smiled as he added:

"Everyone I know is going to sleep.



Blinkie was sitting on his doorstep, smoking a pipe.

"It certainly is a long time," Hanid said. "How can you sleep that long? I don't think I could sleep that long. I'm sure I couldn't sleep that long. I wouldn't want to."

He Laughed
Blinkie laughed.

"But it isn't a bad idea to sleep all winter," he said.

"Why not?" asked Hanid.

"Because," Blinkie said, "if you sleep all winter, you don't have to go out in the cold. You don't have to shake and shiver. You don't have to slip and slide on the icy ground and fall and bump."

Just Sleep And Sleep
"All you have to do is tuck yourself in warm somewhere and sleep and sleep and sleep until the sun shines bright again. If you sleep all winter, why it's just as if there weren't any winter. You just sleep it!"

"Do you see what I mean, Hanid?"

"I see," said Hanid.

Blinkie knocked the ashes out of his pipe against his heel. He got up. He stretched. He yawned.

"Are you going?" asked Hanid.

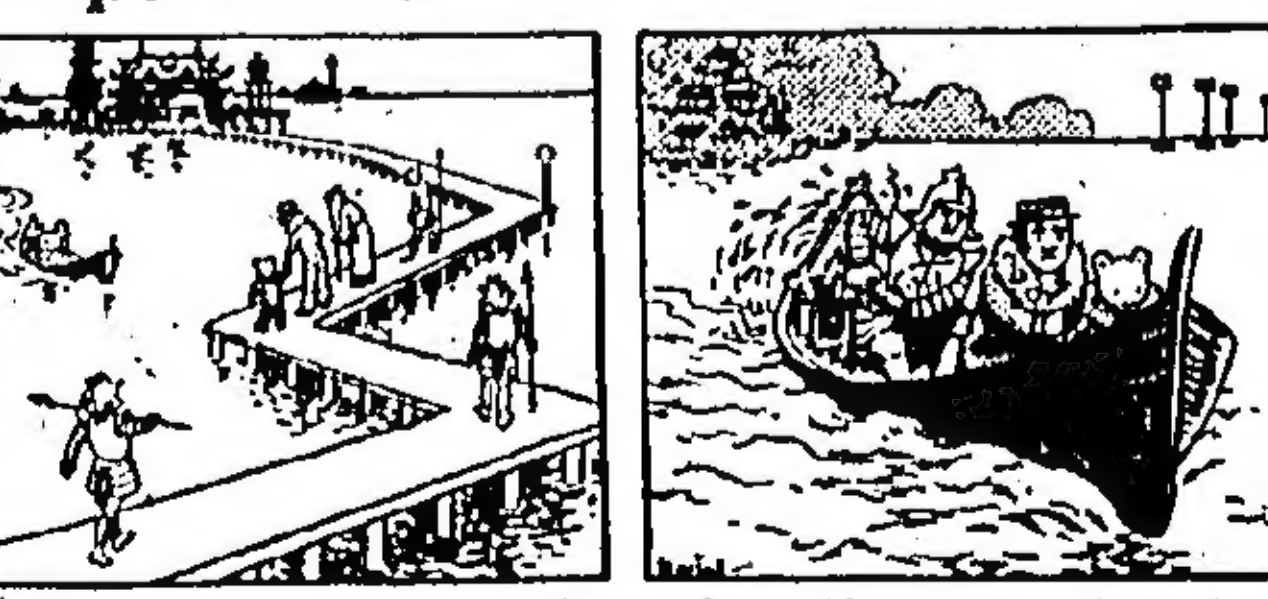
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"Good night, Blinkie!" said Hanid.

Blinkie gave Hanid a last smile as he turned to go down the stairs to his underground bedroom.

"No," he said, "not Good night, Good winter!"

Rupert and the Whistlefish—48



The soldiers and servants of the king do not delay. Rupert and Sam are marched down the wide staircase out through the huge doors and on to the long causeway over the sea. The great gong is banged and a boat heads rapidly for them with its odd rattling

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Thailand Widens SEAP Games Lead WINS 11 MORE GOLD MEDALS ON FIFTH DAY

Bangkok, Dec. 16.

Thailand has secured an unassailable lead in the South East Asia Peninsula Games now being held here.

Thai athletes today, on the fifth day of the competition, won an additional 11 gold and four silver medals bringing her unofficial total so far to 29 gold, 22 silver and 10 bronze medals.

Her nearest rival was Burma with 11 gold, 12 silver and 11 bronze medals.

The Burmese had a disappointing day today winning only three events—the women's javelin throw, the feather-weight and light middleweight boxing competitions.

Vietnam and Malaya tied for the third place with a total of seven gold medals each, but

Malaya with 10 silver and 10 bronze medals, topped the scale against Vietnam's three silver and three bronze.

Singapore improved its position by winning two gold medals today. Singapore's tally now stands at six gold, four silver and 10 bronze.

Laos is yet to win a medal.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

5th Race Meeting 1959/60
Second Day

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on—

Friday, 18th December, 1959

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1959.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 5th Race Meeting 1959/60 to be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd January, 1960, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 22nd December, 1959.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

5TH RACE MEETING

Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th December, 1959.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES.

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable during office hours from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Agular Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road, only on the written introduction of a Member.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Times will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$22.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Agular Street, and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th December, 1959, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 13th February, 1960 and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 19th December, 1959, may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Office.

The Office hours of the Club's Cash Sweep Offices are as follows:

Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Agular Street, Hong Kong on—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays 5th December 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday 12th and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 5th December, 1959.

JOHANSSON IN LONDON Inspects Wembley, Meets Cooper And Appears On BBC Programme

London, Dec. 16.

Ingemar Johansson, world heavyweight champion, together with his Swedish adviser Eddie Ahlqvist, spent 50 minutes this afternoon inspecting the Empire Stadium, Wembley, accompanied by Jack Solomons, the London boxing promoter who hopes to put on a world championship fight there between the Swede and British heavyweight champion Henry Cooper on May 21, the eve of the Epsom Derby.

The Swedes spent about 20 minutes inspecting the stadium and another 30 minutes in an office studying the seating plans with John Connell, General Manager of the Wembley Stadium, with the chief engineer and with Solomons.

Well Pleased

The general impression after the visit was that the Scandinavian party was well pleased with the arrangements. Johansson said he was "very happy" with the set-up and Ahlqvist summed it all up by saying that he thought the stadium was "wonderful".

The object of the visit which Solomons arranged last week during his trip to Gothenburg, was for Johansson and Ahlqvist to satisfy themselves that the British promoter could really take a gate of £150,000, a figure which is suggested will be required in order to pay the champion around £80,000 to £70,000 for defending his title against Cooper.

Ahlqvist did not think that his protegee would be put off by the immensity of the stadium. "He is used to boxing in this sort of arena," he commented.

The "Ullens" stadium in Gothenburg where he met Eddie Machen is similar and holds 54,000 spectators.

Solomons who also expressed his satisfaction with the visit said he would try to obtain an increase in the 75,000 crowd limit which had been imposed. "We will be satisfied with that

number," declared the promoter. The Empire Stadium holds 100,000 for football matches but even if the spectators were kept off the grass around the arena during the world championship fight, the limit would still be 75,000. The reason is that different authorities control the football and boxing promotions.

Of course a Johansson-Cooper world championship depends entirely on the outcome of the Swede's forthcoming visit to the U.S. where he has a return-fight contract with Floyd Patterson.

Six To Four Chance

However Solomons thought the possibilities of his promoting a world championship were better than fifty-fifty. "I would put my chances at six to four on," said the promoter who also runs a bookmaking business.

Later in the day, Johansson went to a Soho restaurant to meet Cooper. The two boxers chatted for several minutes. It is not known what was said during the conversation but at least the two heavyweights appeared to part on amicable terms.

In the evening Johansson met Cooper for the second time when he attended the television presentation of the "BBC Sportsview Personality of the Year" award in a London studio. The award went to motor cyclist John Surtees.

After watching a film of his title-winning world championship fight against Floyd Patterson, Johansson was introduced to the audience of British sports stars and was given an enthusiastic reception. Asked about his future plans the Swede made his listeners laugh when he said "I don't know so much about it" but he explained that he hoped to find out more when he visited the United States next month.

On Patterson

Asked to comment on Patterson, Johansson carefully chose his words before replying "He is very good, especially in combination punching and very fast, but he is not so good on straight punching and that is the way I took him."

In reply to a question about his prospects of retaining the title if he met the American again, the world champion said "anything can happen in a fight. My chances are not smaller this time."

Johansson was finally asked if his film-making activities interfered with his boxing and he made the audience laugh again when he gave the answer "There is such a long time between each fight that I have time for both."

As for Cooper, in answer to a question about his chances of beating Johansson he declared, "I am very confident. I have met him before (he lost to Johansson in five rounds in 1957 at Stockholm for the European championship) and I hope to do better this time."—A.P.

Israel Leads In West Zone Asian Cup Soccer

Ernakulam, Dec. 16.

Israel took a decisive and deserved lead in the Asian Cup West Zone football tournament here today with seven points when they beat India 2-1 in a second-leg match. In the first leg Israel beat India 3-1.

Israel and India both scored a goal in the first half today and Israel's second came five minutes before the end of play.

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SURPRISE RESULTS IN LAST NIGHT'S RUGBY

Garrison Stops Club's
Run Of Victories

By
PAK LO

The Club took the field yesterday evening the firm favourites for the Pentangular title, but left it a very much sadder and wiser team after they had been well and truly defeated by a Hong-kong and Kowloon Garrison XV. Magnificent play by their pack enabled the Garrison to win by 14 points (one goal, one try, one dropped goal, one penalty goal) to nil and thus end Club's run of

SCANDALS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

The Squabbling Kings Of Mont Blanc

By REX LAWRENCE

The village doctor was crossing the square in Chamonix, Switzerland, when he came face to face with Jacques Balmat, widely acclaimed as the world's most famous mountaineering guide.

Nearly a year had passed since together the doctor and the guide had scaled the frozen summit of Mont Blanc—the first men ever to do so. And it was the first time in months that they had seen each other.

Yet the doctor, riding forward angrily, suddenly felt his companion-in-fame with one swift blow of his umbrella.

It was the doctor's only public action in the most bitter mountaineering squabble in history.

Controversy

In that summer of 1878, Chamonix was in the grip of an arid controversy. The issue: Who of the two climbers whose feat gave birth to mountaineering as a sport had actually reached the summit of Mont Blanc first?

Encouraged by envious mountaineers who resented having been beaten to the top of Europe by a doctor, the guide Balmat claimed the lion's share of the honours. But the wrangle persisted, pursuing the conquering mountaineers beyond their graves.

The Mont Blanc squabble was finally settled more than 120 years after, when painstaking historians discovered the doctor's own documents.

Posthumous Honour

These included an affidavit signed by Balmat admitting that his companion and employer had in fact masterminded the expedition—and had been the first man to set foot on the highest peak in Europe.

Posthumously the doctor, Michel-Gabriel Paccard, was accorded the honour that had so unjustly been denied him in his lifetime. And then, for the first time, the scandal behind the controversy that had split

the mountaineering world in two came to light.

The conquest of Mont Blanc in 1786 by Dr Paccard and his porter Jacques Balmat not unnaturally caused a great stir all over the world. Indeed, even today, the feat ranks high among man's greatest accomplishments.

Since 1784 men had been trying to conquer the snow-capped peak. But the angry mountain had defied every attempt.

Then, on August 8, 1786, with the minimum of fuss and only Balmat for company, Dr Michel-Gabriel Paccard set out for the summit by a new, untried route.

No Sportsman

The doctor was no sportsman in the modern sense. He was devoid of personal ambition. His motive for scaling the unconquered peak was local patriotism—a desire to prove to the world that "our Mont Blanc" was Europe's highest mountain.

He was no sportsman—but he was the greatest mountaineer of his day.

When he returned from his conquest four days later, the doctor did not trouble to publish the news of his success in the Geneva Press. He felt that the scientific data he had gathered on the roof of Europe was inconclusive and he intended to repeat his achievement before placing his discoveries at the disposal of the world.

But it was this omission which gave his rivals the head start that brought world fame

to porter Balmat and discredit to the doctor.

The rivals who gave birth to the scandalous legend of Balmat's one-handed conquest of Mont Blanc were two prominent people of the time, both of whom had long cherished the dream of scaling the virgin peak.

The first was Marc-Theodore Bourrit, Precursor of Geneva, Cathedral who, as a pamphleteer, journalist and author of many mountaineering books, had gained a wide reputation. His burning ambition was the crown of Mont Blanc, and he had made three attempts, all of which had failed.

The second was Horace-Benedict de Saussure, Professor of Philosophy and Natural Science at the Academy of Geneva, who in 1780 had offered the guides of Chamonix a prize for the discovery of a practicable route to the summit. His intention was to repeat the ascent to make on-the-spot scientific observations.

Lavish Lies

Primarily, de Saussure's motive was scientific. But he was also anxious to win fame as the first scientist to reach the highest peak in Europe.

Bourrit, burning with jealousy of Dr Paccard's triumph, gave birth to the legend of Balmat in a pamphlet published soon after the ascent of Mont Blanc. Balmat, until then an obscure Chamonix villager who made his living selling pieces of rock-crystal to tourists, found himself

the centre of attraction. And he became Bourrit's willing accomplice in the deceit that lasted nearly one and a quarter centuries.

Anxious to qualify for de Saussure's promised prize—to which he was not entitled because the route had actually been discovered by Dr Paccard—Balmat endorsed Bourrit's lavish lies. In Bourrit's pamphlet, the porter was depicted as a superhuman hero who not only had discovered the new route to the summit, but after reaching it alone had descended more than 300 feet to haul the collapsed Dr Paccard up too.

The story was completely fabricated, as was later proved when Dr Paccard's own documents were discovered and were confirmed by other contemporary records left by an observer who had followed the thrilling climb through a telescope from Chamonix.

Protest

But Bourrit's pamphlet gained wide circulation. It was translated into French, German and English. Balmat's name, thanks to the pamphlet, echoed round the world.

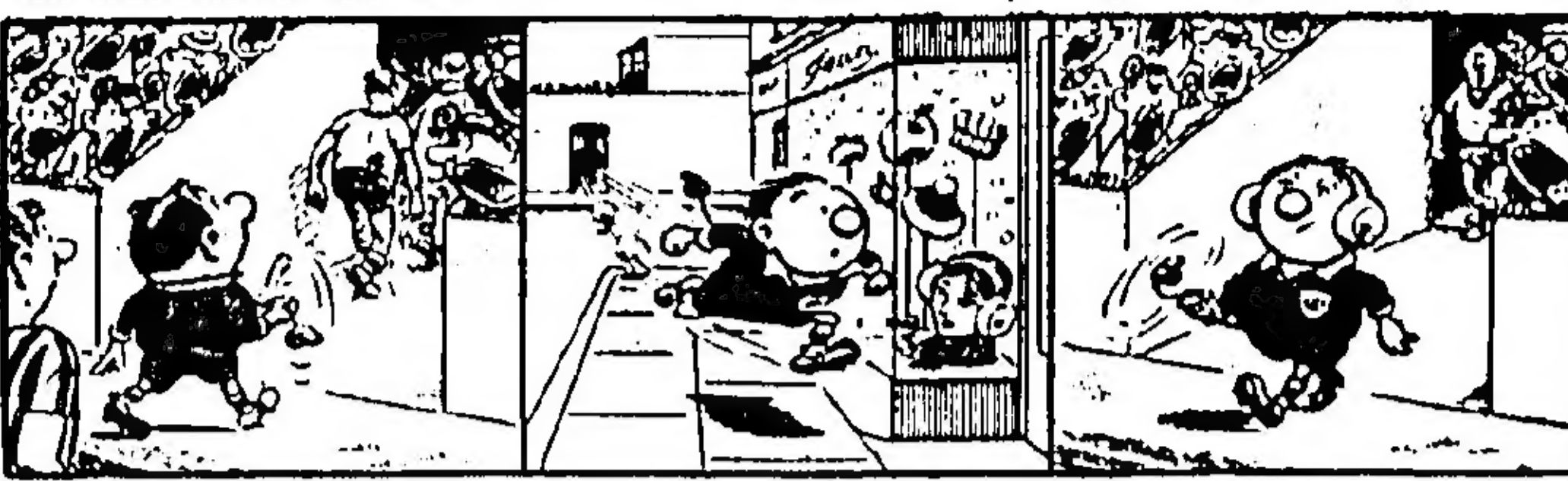
Feebly Dr Paccard protested, first to Bourrit and later to de Saussure, who published a book about his own expedition to Mont Blanc a year after Dr Paccard's—and, in it, completely disregarded the pioneer's achievement.

Dr Paccard's protest fell on deaf ears.

Finally, he decided to publish his own version. In a prospectus about his forthcoming book, he gave full credit to Balmat for his part in their exploit, and invited subscriptions to enable him to devote his entire time to the work.

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service.

But by now the work of Balmat, Bourrit and de Saussure had taken root. The doctor was now being widely held as a pathetic figure of fun. No one donated to his fund.

As far as is known, the book was never written. As the months passed, the legend of Balmat's conquest grew. Now, in the public mind, he was the grim, determined and courageous Swiss guide who had staged a magnificent struggle up those last few yards of the treacherous snowy slopes of Mont Blanc's summit. He was conqueror of the impossible, the first man to stand alone at the summit of Europe.

He launched a fund for Balmat in Germany, and with the fat returns the guide bought himself a comfortable chalet and settled down to play the part of local hero at Chamonix.

Lonely Death

After Dr Paccard's lonely death, at the age of 75, on May 21, 1827, Balmat let his imagination run wild. Spurred by his boasts, the legend of his exploits grew until any similarity between his story and fact became pure coincidence.

The legend was enlarged still further by the elder Alexandre Dumas, who went to Chamonix to interview Balmat in 1832.

Dumas' story, based on the interview and Bourrit's version which he seems to have taken without question, was accepted by the world as an authentic history of the event.

Now that Dr Paccard had died, Balmat had no fear of contradiction. Now he claimed that, alone at the top of Mont Blanc, he had triumphantly shouted: "I have arrived alone. I am the king of Mont Blanc. I am the statue on this huge pedestal."

Strangely poetic words for a rock-crystal seller. Balmat died mysteriously—but still a hero—in 1834 while searching for gold somewhere in the Mont Blanc Range. But the legend survived, and so did the controversy.

It was not until the turn of the 19th century that historians began seriously to question Balmat's elaborate claims. Much of their enquiry sprang from a contemporary record left by an observer who had followed the climb through a telescope from Chamonix. The record completely contradicted Balmat's story.

An intensive search followed for the book that Dr Paccard had said he would write. It was now more than a century since the prospectus promising his version had been published. Whether he actually wrote this book has still not been discovered.

But the researchers did uncover something—the doctor's own notebook which he had carried up to the snow-covered cap of Mont Blanc. In it was recorded in diary form the story of the ascent and other scientific data relating to weather conditions, altitude and temperature. Balmat's affidavit, together with receipts he had signed after receiving his reward from the doctor, were also among the papers.

Dr Paccard's record was confirmed by the telescope watcher's document. Together they clearly showed that it would have been impossible for Balmat to have reached the summit and then to have returned for his companion in the time.

Later, new mountaineering knowledge of Mont Blanc proved Paccard's version of the ascent beyond doubt.

In his notebook, the doctor claimed that he had only just reached the top in front of Balmat. Both, however, had stood on the summit.

Thus, with these new documents and new knowledge, the biggest mountaineering legend of the century was exposed. Today, Dr Paccard's name ranks high in mountaineering history. Balmat, by his selfish action, destroyed his own memory.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

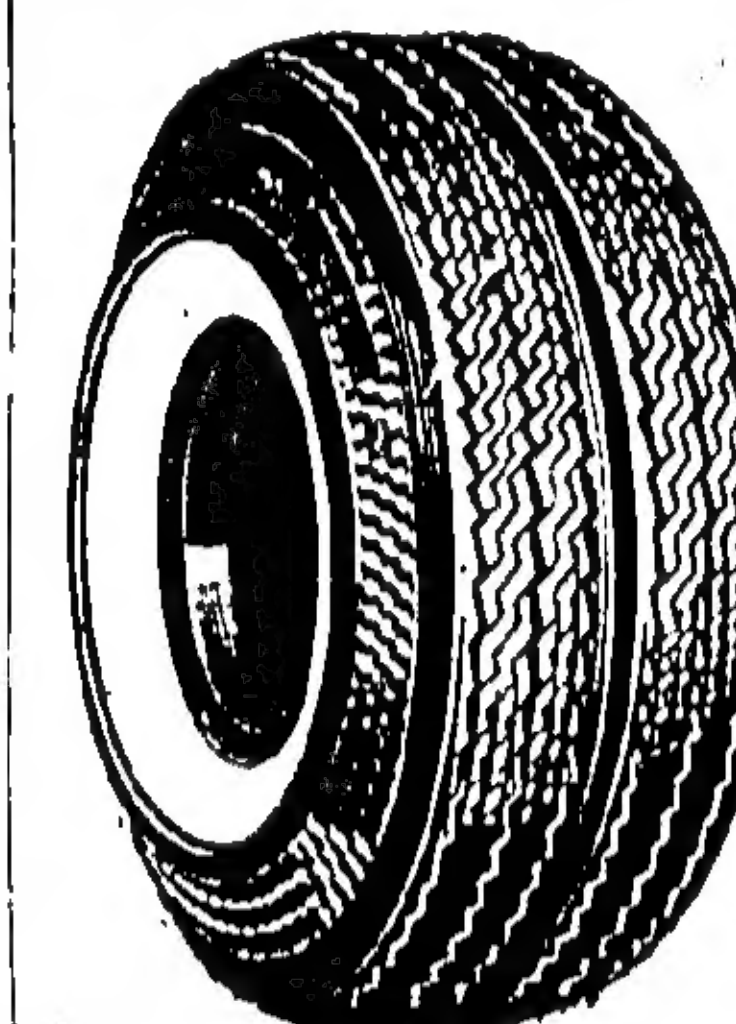
Mini-Soccer Controversy

Sir—Reports on the ASF & OC meeting on Tuesday night seem to indicate that the mini-soccer controversy has now been put into proper perspective.

Basically the situation is this—either mini-soccer is soccer, or it is not soccer. There are no other alternatives. The consequences are: (1) If it IS soccer, then soccer players can play it, and that's that; (2) If it is NOT soccer (and this seems to be the opinion of FIFA) then FIFA has no more right to make laws concerning it than to make laws about athletics or boxing or cricket or any other game.

It is indeed refreshing to see the sound commonsense displayed by the ASF & OC in this matter; what a contrast with the foolish actions of some European members of the FA Council, and with the insane articles written by MacTavish in an attempt to justify those actions (and to kiss and make up with the FA?)!

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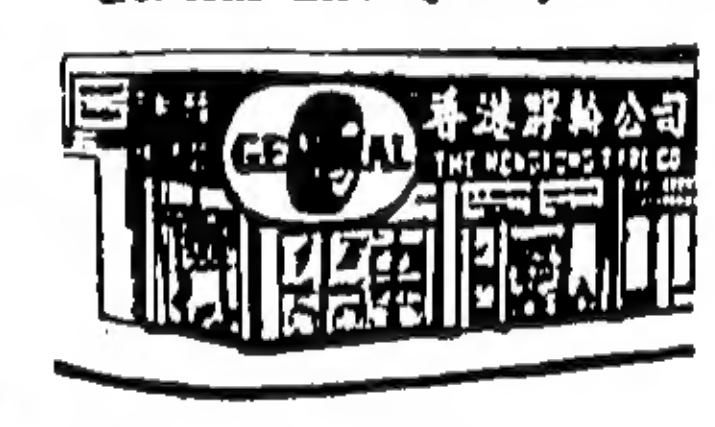
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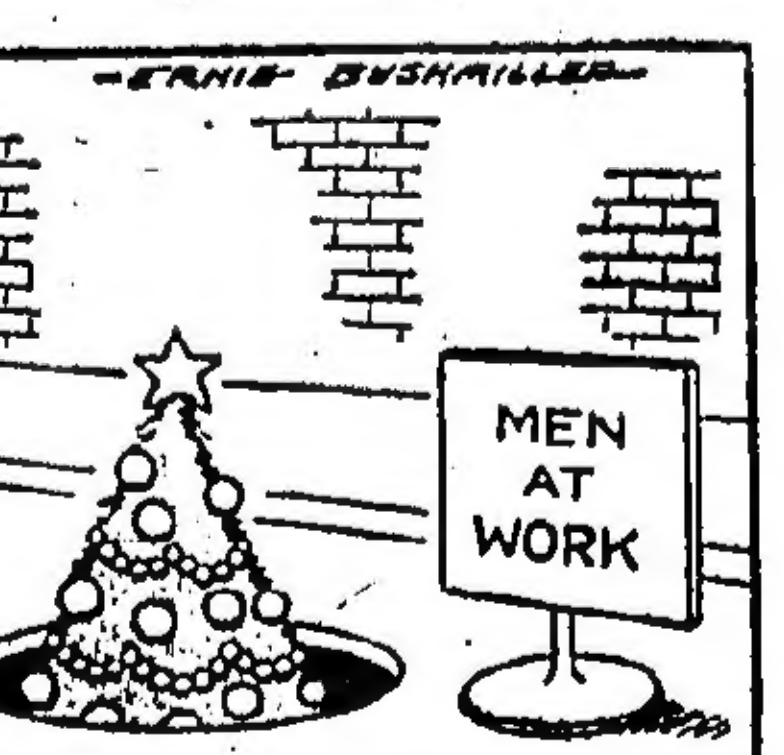
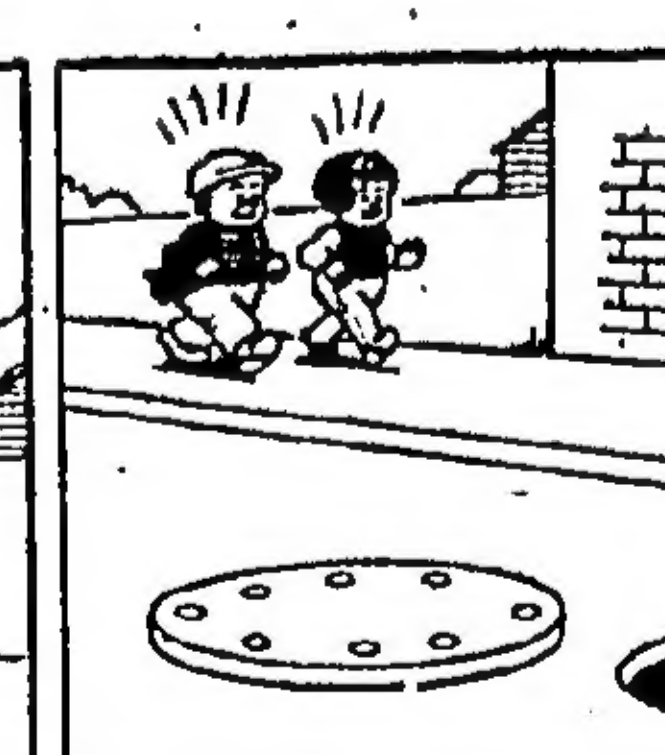
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SOLICITOR'S CLERK ARRAIGNED

SAID HE KNEW ANTI-TRIAD CHIEF

A 31-year-old office boy who claimed that he could approach the chief of the Triad Squad and arrange for the release of a man was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000 or six months by Mr. T. L. Yang at Central this morning for being a triad member.

Li Hung alias Li Chi-chiu, of 228 Queen's Road East, first floor, was also placed under police supervision for two years.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. G. Laurel, prosecuting, said that a Chinese woman whose husband had been arrested in connection with triads, reported that a man told her he could approach the chief of the Triad Squad, (Insp. Laurel) and arrange for her husband's release on payment of \$3,000 to \$4,000. The woman's report also said the man claimed to be a triad member of repute, and showed her his Police supervision book to prove his statement. Defendant was arrested.

ADMISSION

He admitted to being a member of the Tung Lin Sh'e Triad Society, having joined it in 1959. In 1955, together with 17 other men, he went through the ritual of "burning the yellow paper" to form the select group known as the "Sap Pat Law Hon" of the society.

Inspector Laurel said defendant had been arrested and convicted for triad membership in October last year. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment followed by two years' police supervision.

This, however, did not deter him from triad activities. On being released, he stated that he collected money from vegetable hawkers in Cross Street area in Wanchai, Inspector Laurel added.

WANTED TO HELP

Inspector Laurel said defendant stated that he had only wanted to help the woman's husband, but on the other hand, he admitted he did not know Inspector Laurel personally, only having heard of his name.

Paintings To Raise Funds

An exhibition of 80 Chinese paintings of flowers, birds, and water colour portraits by Miss Alice Lai Kin-man, a young local artist, opened at St John's Cathedral Hall this morning.

The paintings have been donated to the Women's Welfare Club, West, to raise funds for welfare purposes. Miss Lai is an honorary director of the Club.

The exhibition, which was declared open by Mrs. Lee Man-kee, Chairman of the Club, will be held for three days.

OPERATED ILLEGAL RADIO STATION

A man was sent to gaol for six months in Victoria District Court today for operating an illegal radio station.

He is Lam Yee, alias Lam Ping, alias Ho Ping. Lam pleaded guilty to three charges of:

Establishing the station on December 1; working the station on December 9 and possession of radio apparatus without a licence on December 9.

Lam told the court he was radioing Bangkok for commercial purposes.

Judge K. R. Macfee, taking into account two previous similar convictions, sentenced him to six months in gaol on each charge, to run concurrently.

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Nearly \$2 Million Fraud & Larceny Charges

A FORMER solicitor's clerk was arraigned in the Victoria District Court today on 51 charges of fraud and larceny involving nearly \$2,000,000.

He is Lam Chun-Kit, alias Stephen C. K. Lam, who used to be a clerk at Wilkinson and Grist.

He was charged with:

- 21 counts of obtaining money and valuable securities by false pretences;
- 16 counts of larceny by servant and simple larceny;
- 8 counts of obtaining money by forged documents;
- and 5 counts of possession and uttering of forged documents.

Total money involved was \$1,916,700.

The period covered by the charges was from 1956 onwards. Crown Counsel J. Bodilly told Judge K. R. Macfee the prosecution would call about 100 witnesses.

Judge Macfee fixed the hearing for March 9 next year to May 6.

No plea was taken. Mr. Victor Giffins and Mr. Oswald Cheung appeared for Lam.

World's First Model Village

News of the world's first model village was released in Hongkong today.

This was announced by Mr. Lee Chiu-wing, Vice-President of the Junior Chamber International who passed through Hongkong this morning from Rio de Janeiro where he attended the JCI world congress.

Mr. Lee, a resident of Singapore said the Congress resolved to erect the model village somewhere in India.

Details of when building would be started and how much it would cost were not yet known.

WORK TOGETHER

Mr. Lee said that the congress attended by 37 countries proved just how easily foreign nations can work together.

"It was amazing to see such co-operation from so many different countries," he said.

"It was an experience I shall never forget. I am sure that such congresses will better international understanding in future."

Mrs Jan Fisher Dies In Sydney

The death occurred at 40 Anderson Avenue, Dundas, Sydney, on Tuesday of Mrs. Jan Fisher, late of Vogue, Hongkong. She was the widow of the late Capt. J. Fisher, and at the time of her death was residing with her daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Hume. Her other daughter, Alison, is living in London.

RARE BIRDS IN TRANSIT FOR NEHRU

The first two "VIP's" of the Japanese Goodwill Mission to visit India passed through Hongkong today.

The "VIP's"—two rare Japanese fowls—are being flown by Air India to Prime Minister Nehru as a gift from the Japanese Government.

The Japanese Goodwill Mission which is to tour India shortly described the birds as their first "representatives" to India.

RARE SPECIES

The fowls the rarest of Japanese species have already been taken "under the wing" of the Air India crew.

Members of the crew take it in turns to feed the fowls every three hours with a special food that accompanied them from Japan.

Prime Minister Nehru, an ardent bird fancier, will probably receive the birds tomorrow.

PARTIES FOR POOR CHILDREN

A total of 2,000 children, selected from the poorest families in the Colony, will be entertained at two Christmas Parties this year.

The parties will be held by the Civil Affairs Committee of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of their traditional annual charity events.

The first party will be held on Saturday, December 19, at the War Memorial Centre, Seohara Pleasureland, Wanchai, and the second will be held on Sunday, December 20, at Queen Elizabeth II Youth Centre, Macpherson Playground, Kowloon.

Both parties will be held between 2 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. So far 14 firms have made cash donations for the parties in response to the appeal for funds. The children will be entertained, fed and given a present as they leave the party.

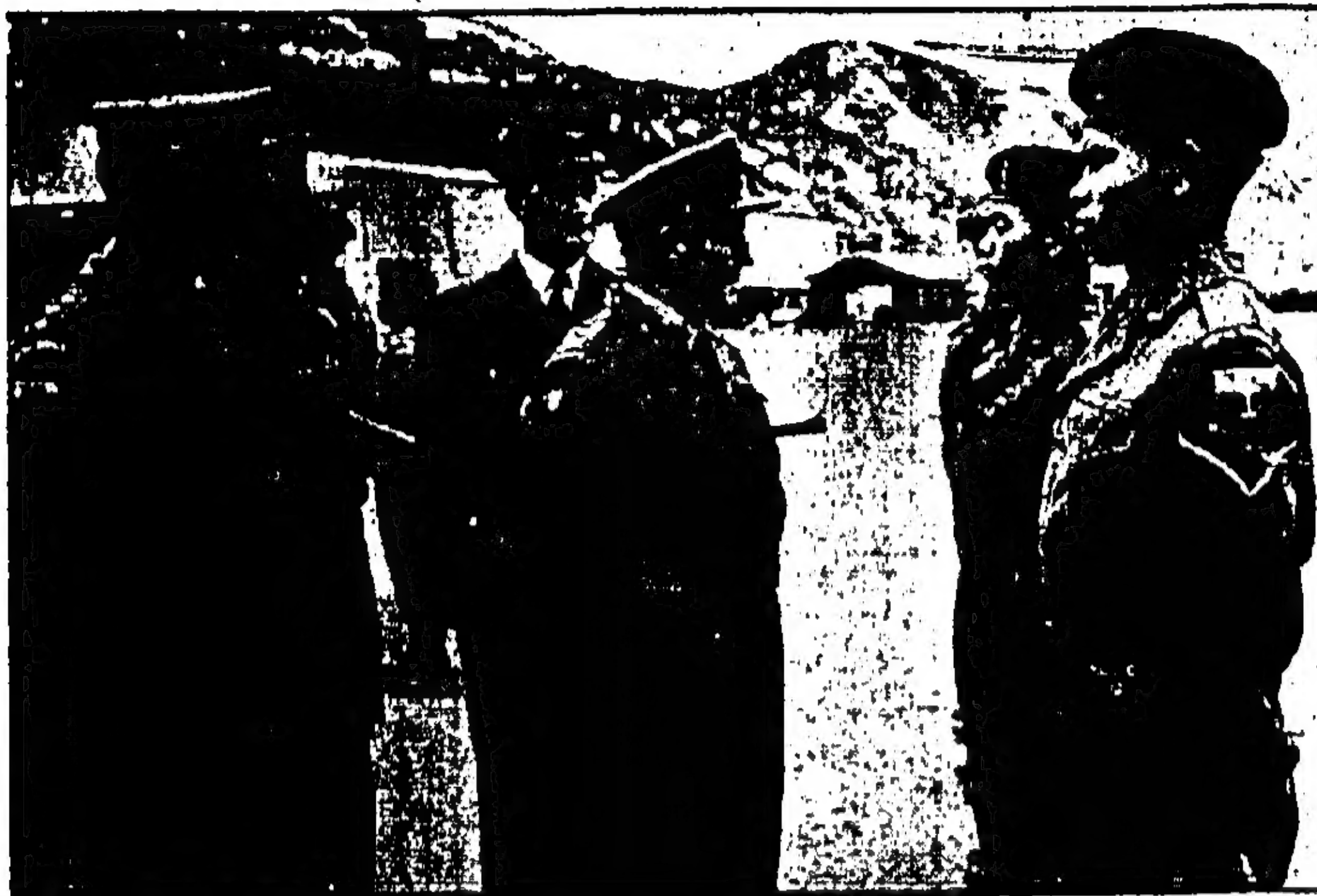
Talk On Triads

Detective Sub-Inspector W. P. Morgan, the officer-in-charge of Triad Societies Bureau, will give a talk on "Triad Societies and their activities" at the Monthly Meeting of the Chairman and Committee Members of the 28 Kaitang Welfare Association of Hongkong and Kowloon at the Miramar Restaurant, December 22 at 8.00 p.m.

Suspect Detained

A Chinese man died of injuries last night shortly after he had been attacked and stabbed by a man, armed with a triangular file, at 3 Middle Lane, ground floor, Hungghom. The Police have detained a man for questioning.

General Inspects Signals



The annual administrative parade of the Hongkong Troop, 19th Signal Regiment (Air Formation) took place this morning at Kai Tak.

Maj-Gen C. L. Richardson, Commander Singapore Base District, inspected the parade which was commanded by the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Troop, Capt (TOT) E. J. Larner, Royal Signals.

The Hongkong Troop, which is a British Army unit attached to the RAF, consists of mixed elements of British and Malayan signalers. Their task is to maintain Colony-wide land-line communications for the RAF.

Lieut-Col K. M. Evans, Royal Sigs, Commanding Officer of the 19th Signal Regiment (Air Formation), and the Station Commander, RAF Kai Tak, Wing Commander, R. C. Rotherham, accompanied Gen Richardson at the parade.

Picture shows: (L to R) Capt Larner, Lieut-Col K. M. Evans, Wing Commander Rotherham and Gen Richardson.

Maximum Sentence For Drug Possession

At Central this morning, Mr. K. A. S. Phillips imposed the maximum sentence on a man, for possession of dangerous drugs.

Mr. Phillips told the defendant, Lai Ming, 31, who had five similar convictions and who pleaded not guilty to the offence, that it was one of the most "clear cut" cases he had come across.

Lai was convicted on two counts of possession, fined \$10,000 and 12 months; in default of payment a further six months and six months. The sentences are to be consecutive.

Detective Sub-Insps. M. Groom, testified that at 2.45 p.m. on December 15, together with a police party, he executed a dangerous drugs warrant at 11 McGregor Street, third floor.

The defendant was searched, and 116 packets of heroin, weighing 10 grammes, were found in a sock, in his waist-band. One packet of barbitone, weighing 14 grammes, was found in a jacket pocket.

Sub-Inspector C. H. Cheung prosecuted.

POK OI APPEAL

The Pok Oi Hospital in the New Territories is appealing for funds to aid the poor and sick of the community.

The hospital will hold their annual flag day on Saturday.

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"Old Colonial" writing in his daily column, "Old Hongkong" in the SCM Post said: "In several previous articles in this historical series, references have been made to founding homes and orphanages organised by missionary bodies—the Germans and the French Roman Catholics being among the earliest to carry out this good work."

"There was no organised Church of England Orphanage until the close of the 1860's when the Diocesan Orphanage was founded. Little of its history appears to have survived today, except for a brief reference to its existence (newly-founded) in 1889 when the Diocesan School and Orphanage temporarily absorbed St Paul's College, which had fallen on evil days owing to the loss of its funds in the Dent and Co's crash in 1867."

"While it is shown in the records that the Diocesan School of old had included this orphanage, the period of its existence was not definitely known; but it was probably functioning up to the time the school split into these two sections."

"It will be recalled that in 1890 the Diocesan School for both girls and boys was separated into two institutions for the different sexes."

"A brief note might be made of the fact that the Victoria Home and Orphanage (established as such in 1897) has in its records a memo that a destitute English child was received in 1889, but was sent daily to the Diocesan Home for Boys—which rather suggests that the Diocesan Orphanage, as a distinct institution, had come to an end about that period."

"Nevertheless its functions have remained, as part of the activities of the boarding departments of the Diocesan Boys and Girls Schools in fact the latter still retains the name "Orphanage" in its designation."

Woman And Children Injured

A 59-year-old woman, Li Chun, living in hut 48, Sze Hang, Aberdeen, was knocked down and injured by a bicycle in Island Road, near the Aberdeen Government School at about 8 p.m. yesterday.

A girl of 12, Chan Sin-fong, of 57 6th Section, Homantin Resettlement Area, was hit by a lorry in Naim Road, near Homantin Market yesterday afternoon.

In an accident in the New Territories yesterday, a 16-year-old boy, Cheng Kam-yuen, of 98B Kwan Shun Village, Tai-po, sustained injuries when the van in which he was travelling skidded and crashed against a hillside in Tai-po Road, near the three-milestone.

The injured people were admitted to hospital for treatment.

PICTORIAL PARADE



ABOVE: The 20 most popular Hongkong film stars, elected by the readers of the Wah Kiu Man Po, received prizes at a dinner recently. Here, Grace Chang (left), is presented with hers by Mrs S. N. Chau.



ABOVE: Pretty Marilyn Palmer, winner of Radifusion's Talent Time contest, seen with runner-up Tony Myatt (left) and Chico Roza Pereira, who came third.



ABOVE: Some of the brethren seen entering St John's Cathedral on Sunday for the annual Masonic Service of the English Constitution.



ABOVE: Mrs Tso Chun-yau presenting the winner's trophy to Kwok Ki-chu of Queen's College during the prize-giving of the Inter-school play competition.



ABOVE: Seen at the Interport cricket dinner held at the Hongkong Club this week (l-r): Mr N. Sarbanakum (Malayan Captain) and Mr Guy Pritchard (Hongkong Captain).